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PREFACE

THE *Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum* was planned by the late H. W. C. Davis and a group of Oxford scholars in 1904. He published the first volume, which covered the reigns of William I and William II, in 1913, but being interrupted by the war he was unable to complete the second or third volumes before his death in 1928. The material which he had collected was then handed over to Mr. Charles Johnson who, in collaboration with one of us, published the second volume, covering the reign of Henry I, in 1956. Mr. Johnson foresaw that he would not live long enough to complete the third volume, and in 1956 he handed over the material which he had collected for the third volume to ourselves. We wish to record our indebtedness to him for all the preparatory work which he did. He was the most learned, modest, and sympathetic of men, and when he died in 1961 we lost not only a colleague but a friend.

As the title of these volumes implies, the original intention was to produce a hand-list or calendar of documents arranged chronologically in the manner of Böhmer's *Regesta Imperii* (1831 et seq.) and Jaffé's *Regesta Pontificum Romanorum* (1851 et seq.). This arrangement did not prove very convenient, however, since (in contrast to imperial *diplomata* and papal bulls) Anglo-Norman charters cannot usually be dated with precision. For Stephen's reign a chronological arrangement proved quite impossible, because the number of charters with wide limits of date far exceeded those which could be dated even within a year or two. We have therefore broken away from the pattern of the previous two volumes and have arranged the charters by beneficiaries. In our Introduction we have given itineraries and have indicated the particular occasions on which we believe certain charters to have been given.

We have also departed from the original plan by printing the texts of all charters in full. We had three reasons for deciding on this change. In the first place we found that the calendar form sometimes led to confusion (particularly between separate charters on the same subject and imperfect copies of the same charter) and rarely contained all the information which working historians required. In the second place we found that many of the texts which had been printed in older works such as Dugdale's *Monasticon* were inaccurate or incomplete. We saw no virtue in informing scholars that such-and-such a text was printed wrongly, unless we corrected it specifically, and we soon found that a list of *errata* would be far more complicated than a complete series of new texts. Thirdly, we know that in modern conditions many historians have to work in libraries which have not the resources which the planners of the original *Regesta* would have expected. Nowadays it is not much help to a scholar in England or America to be told that the text he wants was printed by (say) Le Prévost in *Mémoires et Notes . . . de l'Eure*, since in most cases he would find it easier to consult the original manuscript than to find the printed book. We have therefore printed full texts of all the charters, and hope that historians working on this period will find it a convenience to have all the royal and quasi-royal charters printed and indexed in a single volume.

Stephen's reign was a period of civil war, and his authority was challenged by rivals in both England and Normandy. We have included the charters of these rivals, and the collection therefore consists of the charters not only of King Stephen and his queen, but also of the Empress Matilda, of her husband Geoffrey (when acting as Duke of Normandy or dealing with Norman lands), and of her son Henry prior to his coronation as Henry II. We have not printed these charters in separate sections, but have kept them in a single series

arranged by beneficiaries. In doing this we have followed the example of J. H. Round in *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, with the same intention of showing how much (or how little) the various beneficiaries attempted to exploit the opportunities offered by the civil war.

We are very grateful to the many scholars who have so generously helped us by providing information on specific points. In this respect we would particularly like to name Mlle M.-Th. d'Alverny, Miss Patricia M. Barnes, Professor G. W. S. Barrow, Mr. T. A. M. Bishop, Professor C. N. L. Brooke, Canon J. L. Cartwright, Professor C. R. Cheney, Dr. M. T. Clanchy, Sir Charles Clay, Mr. H. M. Colvin, Professor R. R. Darlington, Miss Barbara Dodwell, Mrs. Audrey M. Erskine, Dr. Eric John, Mrs. A. H. M. Jones, Dr. B. R. Kemp, Dr. Hugh Leach, Dr. Kathleen Major, Dr. H. Mayr-Harting. Mr. Ludo Milis, Mr. R. I. Moore, Dr. L. A. Parker, Mr. H. G. Richardson, Dr. C. D. Ross, Mr. John Saltmarsh, Mr. P. H. Sawyer, Mr. F. W. Steer, Sir Frank Stenton, Mr. L. E. Tanner, Dr. W. G. Urry, and Mrs. Joan Varley. To five other scholars we are even more deeply indebted. Professor V. H. Galbraith, to whom we both owe the greater part of our historical training, has advised us at every turn. Professor R. van Caenegem and Dr. G. R. C. Davis read the proofs of all the texts, and made many valuable suggestions. Dr. Pierre Chaplais of Oxford not only read the proofs, but has also advised on an immense number of points, giving freely of his expert knowledge of 'diplomatic' and of his vast editorial experience. Mr. R. G. C. Levens composed the Latin dedication for us.

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I should like it to be known that, while I did a good deal of preliminary work, the task of finally preparing these texts for the press fell upon my co-editor.

H. A. C.

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INTRODUCTION

KING STEPHEN'S GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND

WHEN Stephen won the English throne the most powerful individual in the government of England was Bishop Roger of Salisbury. He had no official title or position, though contemporaries sometimes called him *procurator* (viceroy or regent), and modern historians have normally called him 'the justiciar' and his office 'the justiciarship'. He was in effect the head of the administrative service in England, and owing to the frequent absences of the king in Normandy—Henry I was absent for almost half his reign—he must often have been forced to take action on his own authority. It is not surprising to find him issuing writs in his own name, the last words usually being *per breve regis* (as in **313**) in order to make it clear that he was acting on the authority of the king.[1] By the end of the reign his power was deeply entrenched. His nephews Alexander Bishop of Lincoln (1123–48) and Nigel Bishop of Ely (1133–67) were both active in the government, the latter as treasurer (apparently from 1127 to 1133), and on Stephen's accession he secured promotion for two other nephews, Roger (le Poer) becoming chancellor and Athelhelm treasurer.[2]

As is well known, Stephen soon grew jealous of the power of his great ministers. He had no need of a 'justiciar', for he spent only eight months of his reign in Normandy (in 1137), and did not realize the importance of having someone to supervise the administration as a whole. On 24 June 1139 he arrested the Bishop of Salisbury and his nephews at Oxford. Nigel Bishop of Ely escaped and raised a rebellion, but the others surrendered their castles and offices. Bishop Roger had no more power in the government, and died shortly before the end of the year. From the administrative point of view this was the most important event of the reign. It did not (as has sometimes been thought) cause the machinery of government to break down completely, but it did involve a drastic change of personnel. Its importance is emphasized by the fact that it was at this juncture that the king changed his seal, the implication being that whereas he had previously reigned, in future he intended to rule. Unfortunately he did not succeed, and the rest of his reign was occupied mainly with civil war. But it would be quite wrong, as the following notes will show, to imagine that the royal administration simply came to an end.

CHANCERY OF KING STEPHEN

The establishment of the chancery in about 1136 is set out in the *Constitutio Domus Regis* which names the chancellor and the master of the writing-chamber as its most important officials. The chancellor received 5 shillings a day and was the most highly paid official of the royal household. The master of the writing-chamber (*magister scriptorii*) had originally had 10 pence a day, 'but King Henry so increased Robert de Sigillo, that on the day of the King's death he had 2 shillings' exclusive of allowances.[3] This was presumably because Henry I had no chancellor for the last two years of his reign, apparently relying on the master of the writing-chamber to do his work at cut-price rates. Stephen was not allowed to repeat the experiment. He had a chancellor throughout his reign, and apparently a master of the writing-chamber as well.

[1] For the justiciarship see H. G. Richardson and G. O. Sayles, *The Governance of Mediaeval England from the Conquest to Magna Carta* (Edinburgh, 1963), ch. viii. F. J. West, *The Justiciarship in England, 1066–1232* (Cambridge, 1966) concentrates principally on the period after Stephen's reign.

[2] *Dialogus de Scaccario*, ed. Charles Johnson (Nelson's Medieval Classics, London, 1950), 50; Richardson and Sayles, 220.

[3] *Dialogus de Scaccario*, ed. Johnson, 129 (where the whole *Constitutio* is printed).

Chancellors

I. ROGER LE POER. According to Orderic Vitalis, he was the son of Bishop Roger of Salisbury by Matilda of Ramsbury.[1] His father seems to have secured his appointment as the price for recognizing Stephen as king.[2] He was a very active chancellor; in the three and a half years in which he held office he attested at least 61 charters, some of them as early as February 1136 (**99**, **335**, **716**, **906**, **919**). He was arrested with his uncle on 24 June 1139.

II. PHILIP D'HARCOURT, the second chancellor, was a protégé of Waleran Count of Meulan, being dean of 'his' collegiate church at Beaumont-le-Roger from 1131 at latest.[3] He was also a half-brother of Richard de Braose, and dean of Lincoln Cathedral.[4] The chroniclers who wrote of Roger le Poer's arrest do not specifically mention Philip's appointment, but four of the charters which he witnessed date from Christmas 1139 (**189** and **787–9**), and the others are all consistent with dates between June 1139 and March 1140 (**261–2**, **410**, **452–3**, **526**, **543**, **640**). We see no reason to doubt the accepted belief that he ceased to be chancellor when he was nominated Bishop of Salisbury at mid-Lent (*c.* 17 March) 1140.[5] The nomination may have had political undertones, for the previous holder of the see was Bishop Roger the justiciar. It was vigorously opposed by Henry of Blois who used his position as papal legate to get the appointment quashed,[6] but the fact remained that Philip had resigned the chancellorship. When his patron, Waleran of Meulan, went over to the empress, Philip went over too. In 1142 he was given the bishopric of Bayeux.

III. ROBERT DE GANT (or GHENT), who succeeded Philip, was a son of Gilbert de Gant (d. 1095), and uncle of the Gilbert de Gant (d. 1156) whom Stephen created Earl of Lincoln *c.* 1149. He witnessed at least two charters (**70** and **114**) and probably a third (**437**) before the battle of Lincoln (2 February 1141). Other attestations which can be dated with some precision are **460** (1145), **736** (Christmas 1146), and **489** (summer 1154). It must be presumed, therefore, that he was chancellor until the end of the reign, though he seems to have fallen out with Stephen during the course of 1154, probably because of the losses which his relatives suffered after the Treaty of Westminster.[7] He was dean of York at any rate from 1147 till his death *c.* 1157–8.[8] He does not seem to have been a very active chancellor. While Roger le Poer attested 62 charters in three and a half years, and Philip 12 in nine months, Robert de Gant only attested 19 in 15 years.

It should be added that the queen had her own chancellors. Of these, Ralph attested **24**, **157**, **239b**, **586**, **843**, and **921**, but cannot be proved to occur earlier than 1137 or later than 1141. In 1142 we find a 'Thomas the chancellor' who seems to be hers (**26**), and in 1147–52 a chancellor whose name began with A (**503**).

Masters of the writing-chamber or Keepers of the seal

ROBERT DE SIGILLO who was master of the writing-chamber in the last years of Henry I does not figure in any of Stephen's charters, and it may be presumed that he was dismissed when Roger le Poer was appointed chancellor. John of Hexham says that he became a monk of Reading where his former master, Henry I, was buried.[9] Henry's daughter, the Empress Matilda, brought him back into public life by making him Bishop of London in 1141. In

[1] Orderic Vitalis (ed. Le Prévost), v. 120. William of Malmesbury (*Historia Novella*, para. 469) calls him 'the nephew or an even closer relative' of Bishop Roger.

[2] *Historia Novella*, para. 481.

[3] G. H. White, 'The Career of Waleran Count of Meulan', *T.R.H.S.* 4th series, xvii (1934), 30. Cf. *C.D.F.*, no. 370.

[4] *Monast.* vi. 820, and *Reg. Antiq.* ii. 317, 553.

[5] John of Worcester, 60–61; Orderic, v. 123; Ann. Mon. (R.S.) ii. 228.

[6] Avrom Saltman, *Theobald Archbishop of Canterbury* (London, 1956), 97.

[7] R. H. C. Davis, *King Stephen*, 126.

[8] C. T. Clay, in *Yorks. Arch. Soc.* xxxiv (1939), 366–70.

[9] John of Hexham in *Symeonis Monachi Opera* (R.S.) ii. 309.

that capacity he witnessed a number of charters for Stephen as well as the empress, but there is no reason to think that he became involved in the royal administration again. He died on 29 September 1150.

BALDRIC DE SIGILLO was given a prebend at Lincoln Cathedral, to which the king contributed £14 from the tithe of the ferm of the city, in 1139 or 1140 (**478–80**). Since he was described as *de Sigillo* as well as *clericus meus* he was presumably in office already; and he would still have been in office in 1154 when he witnessed **489**.

NICHOLAS DE SIGILLO had replaced Baldric by the second year of King Henry II's reign.[1] He is apparently to be identified with Nicholas de Hampton, and it is just possible that he was keeper of the seal towards the end of Stephen's reign, since he is referred to as Nicholas *de Sigillo* in a charter of Archbishop Theobald which dates either from 1148–50 or 1159–60.[2]

Another possible keeper of the seal is REGINALD who was Abbot of Reading from 1151/4 to 1158, and subsequently prior and Abbot of Walden (1165–1201). The Walden Chronicle states that in the time of King Stephen he sometimes kept the royal seal in place of the chancellor (*tempore regis Stephani quandoque regii sigilli vice cancellarii bajulus extitit*), but that he was subsequently converted to religion and became a monk of Reading, rising rapidly in the abbey to become first prior and then abbot.[3] He was deposed from the abbacy about 1158. The Walden Chronicle gives no reason for his deposition, but Richardson and Sayles have suggested that the person responsible may have been King Henry II, who could well have regarded him as a 'marked man' for his support of Stephen.[4] Since Reginald did not die till 1201, it would be hard to place his chancery career before the 1140's, but we can only guess at the truth of the story, since King Stephen's charters have not revealed any royal clerk or chaplain called Reginald. If the story is true, it is curious that Robert de Sigillo should have been a monk of Reading at the beginning of the reign, and this Reginald at the end.

Clerks and Chaplains of the King

The two terms 'clerk' and 'chaplain' of the king seem to have been used synonymously; Baldric de Sigillo, for example, is called the king's clerk in **478** and the king's chaplain in **480**. The most likely explanation is that the king's clerks served as chaplain in turn, but in any case it seems desirable to list the clerks and chaplains together.

ADAM the king's clerk received a grant of land from the king *c.* 1135–40 (**15**) and may be the 'A. clerico' who witnessed *c.* 1136–54 at St. Albans (**2**). He may also have been the Adam who was a clerk of St. Martin le Grand of London during the reign, for St. Martin's (of which Bishop Roger of Salisbury was dean until 1139) had close links with the chancery.

ALEXANDER the clerk witnessed **228** (1139–54), and is presumably to be identified with that 'Alexandro capellano regis' who witnessed a charter of Robert de Tenche in favour of Lincoln Cathedral, *c.* 1135–47 (*Reg. Antiq.* ii. 204).

BALDRIC DE SIGILLO who has already been discussed as master of the writing-chamber.

BOULOGNE, BALDWIN DE, is apparently the 'Baldewino clerico' who witnessed for Stephen at Rouen in 1137 (**117**). As 'Balduino de Bolonia' he also witnessed with other chaplains for the queen in 1145–7 (**541**). His provenance from Boulogne suggests that he may originally have been a clerk of the queen in the service of her County of Boulogne.

[1] *Pipe Roll 2 Henry II*, ed. Hunter, 25, 32, 33, 55, 56.

[2] T. A. M. Bishop, *Scriptores Regis* (Oxford, 1961), 25–26. Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 209 in which Theobald is styled primate of England, but not legate, which is applicable only to 1145–50 and 1159–60.

[3] B.M. Arundel MS. 29, f. 45ᵛ. Cf. Cotton MS., Vespasian E. vi, f. 32ᵛ.

[4] 'Qualiter autem quove modo se habuerit aut quali intervenienti occasione inde discesserit non est nostrum scribere, quoniam presenti pagine nihil utilitatis videretur conferre' (B.M. Arundel MS. 29, f. 45ᵛ). Richardson and Sayles, *The Governance of Mediaeval England*, 256–7 and 421.

BOULOGNE, RICHARD DE, occurs in a number of charters in which he is not described as either chaplain or clerk, and since several of these were charters of the queen (**196**, **198**, **243**, **539**, **553–4**), it is reasonable to suppose that he, like Baldwin of Boulogne, had been in the service of her County of Boulogne. In **536** (1139–54) the king describes him as 'clericus meus', and he witnesses two writs of the king as chaplain (**526** in December 1139, and **399** in 1140–5). He also witnessed for the king in **117** (1137) and **199** (1143–7). The references in **539–40** suggest that he was dead by *c.* 1145–7. He was a canon of St. Martin le Grand of London, as also was his son Robert. (See next entry.)

BOULOGNE, ROBERT DE, is described by the king as 'clericus meus' in **536** (1139–54) where it is also stated that Richard (of Boulogne) was his father.

CIMMAY, GILBERT DE, does not figure in any royal charters or writs, but is mentioned in the *Gesta Abbatum Monasterii Sancti Albani* (R.S.), i. 114, where he is described as 'clericus et regis capellanus' in the context of 1136. He was a relative of Earl Gilbert of Hertford and was presented to the church of Luton. He should perhaps be identified with the Gilbert who was a chaplain to King Henry I (*Regesta* ii, p. x).

CORNUVILLA, ROBERT DE, occurs in no charters or writs but is mentioned *c.* 1148 in the *Chronicon Monasterii de Bello* (Anglia Christiana Soc. (1846), p. 70) as one of the king's clerks. He is presumably to be identified with the 'Robert de Corneivilla' who was a canon of St. Martin le Grand (L. Voss, *Heinrich von Blois* (*Hist. Studien*, 210), 151).

EVREUX, GILBERT DE. According to **749** he was a chaplain of both Henry I and Stephen, though he must have died soon after the beginning of the reign. Haskins has shown that he was also precentor of Rouen Cathedral and the king's treasurer in Normandy until some date before 1128 (*Norman Institutions*, 108–9).

EVREUX, ROBERT SON OF GILBERT DE, is also mentioned in **749** as a chaplain of Henry I and Stephen. He was treasurer of Normandy from 1128 (Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, 108–10 and 88–89). Nothing else is known about him in Stephen's reign.

FÉCAMP, ROGER DE, witnessed 31 times for King Stephen between 1135 and 1140. He is described as a chaplain of the king as early as Easter 1136 (**944**) and as late as 1139–40 (**526**), and there seems no reason to dispute William Farrer's opinions that 'he does not attest Stephen's charters and writs after 1140' (*Early Yorkshire Charters*, i. 123). He had a clerk called Jordan (**451**) and appears as archdeacon in November 1137 (**827**), as also in **189** and **399**. Haskins considered that under Henry I he was treasurer of Normandy, and identified him with Roger the nephew of Roger Abbot of Fécamp (*Norman Institutions*, 107, 110; cf. *C.D.F.*, no. 124).

FITZHERBERT, WILLIAM, who had been treasurer of York Cathedral since soon after 1114, is described by Stephen as 'capellanus meus' in a charter which he gave him in February 1136 (**979**). There is no other reference to him as a royal chaplain, and he was elected Archbishop of York in 1141. See C. T. Clay in *Yorks. Arch. Journ.* xxxv (1940), 8–10, and David Knowles 'The Case of St. William of York' in *The Historian and Character* (Cambridge, 1963), 76–97.

FITZRAINER, WILLIAM, is mentioned as 'clericus meus' in a charter of Stephen's for Pontefract Priory in 1154 (**664**).

HUGH witnesses as 'Hugone capellano' immediately after Baldric de Sigillo in **246** (1146–53). It is tempting to guess that he was Hugh du Puiset who succeeded William fitz Herbert as treasurer of York (*c.* 1143) and was elected Bishop of Durham in 1153.

MANNARD. At an unknown date in the reign King Stephen gave the church of Easingwold (N. Yorks.) to 'Master Mannard my chaplain' (**560**). As the charter was copied into the cartulary of St. Martin le Grand of London, it must be presumed that Master Mannard was a canon of St. Martin's, which was one of the regular sources of prebends for chancery clerks. It is possible that he should also be identified with the Master Mainard [*sic*] who was

a canon of York *c.* 1160–75 (C. T. Clay, *York Minster Fasti* (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.*, Record Series, cxxiii (1958)), 80).

PETER THE SCRIBE. See **scriptor xiv**, below.

THOMAS. There were two royal chaplains of this name, both being mentioned in two twin charters of Reginald fitz Count for Godstow Abbey (Godstow Cartulary; P.R.O. Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 29). They are dated 1145, and in identical passages list among the witnesses 'de capellanis regis Stephani, Balderico de Sigillo, Thoma et alio Thoma'. A Thomas the chaplain witnesses two charters for Stephen, **199** (1143) and **507** (1140–7) and he or the other Thomas seems to have been connected with Stephen's queen, for whom he witnessed **196**, **198**, **503**, and **541**. Cf. Thomas her chancellor (p. x, above).

Clerks of the queen who are named are ALILUS (**553**), ALFRED (**554**), ODO (**196**, **200**), and PETER (**196**, **541**).

Royal Scribes identified by their handwriting

A wealth of information about the handwriting of individual royal scribes is to be found in T. A. M. Bishop, *Scriptores Regis* (Oxford, 1961), to which we are deeply indebted. He was able to identify eleven different hands as royal scribes in Stephen's reign, and numbered them as **scriptores x**, **xi**, **xiii**, **xiv**, **xvi**, **xvii**, **xviii**, **xix**, **xx**, **xxi**, **xxii**. He also identified a possible imitator of **scriptor xiv**. These will now be discussed in turn.

Scriptor x has been identified as the scribe of **786** (1136–9) in favour of Bishop Roger of Salisbury. All his other identified work was for Henry I (*Reg.* ii. 1395, 1650, 1875, and 1935), the earliest firm date being 3–10 June 1123.

Scriptor xi has been identified as the scribe of **521** (1135–7) in favour of St. Martin le Grand of London, of which Bishop Roger of Salisbury was dean. All his other identified work was for Henry I (*Reg.* ii. 1029, 1490, 1500, 1501, 1552, 1563, 1588, 1603, 1632, 1655, 1703, 1704, 1868, and 1973), some of it dating from 1127, though some may be still earlier.

Scriptor xiii is a scribe of great interest. We have twenty-one charters of Henry I in his hand (*Reg.* ii. 866, 1275, 1485, 1580 n., 1586, 1656, 1687, 1690, 1691, 1713, 1721, 1723, 1742, 1746, 1760, 1764, 1786, 1892, 1911, 1915, and 1931), the earliest secure date being 1127. He was also the scribe of twelve of Stephen's charters, viz.: **99**, **132**, **143**, **166**, **257**, **271**, **351**, **679**, **688**, **716**, **749**, and **800**. None of these is later than 1140, and Bishop has suggested that after the battle of Lincoln he left the royal service and entered that of Robert de Sigillo Bishop of London, for his hand has been identified on a charter of Robert's which is dated 1142 (Gibbs, *Early Charters of St. Paul's*, Camden 3rd Series, lvii (1939), no. 219). Any royal scribe who had worked in the last years of Henry I would necessarily have known Robert de Sigillo as master of the royal writing-chamber, and it seems likely, as Bishop has suggested, that there was a personal connexion between the two men.

There are, however, some very curious features about the work of **scriptor xiii**. Though many of his charters are absolutely normal, some have an 'idiosyncratic and inflated formulation' which, if we had known the texts only in copies, might have made them suspect (e.g. *Reg.* ii. 1580 (ccxiii) and 1687 (ccxlviii), and in the present volume, **99** and **132**). A further difficulty is that though he often takes pains to date his charters by the year of grace, the dates thus given are not always consistent with the texts. He dates a charter of Henry I for Fontevrault as A.D. 1130 (new style, Jan. 1131), but states that it was given 'ab auctoritate domini et *beate memorie* Innocentii pape', which is eccentric, if not inaccurate, since Innocent II did not die until 1143.[1] Similarly a charter of King Stephen for Buildwas Abbey (**132**) is dated A.D. 1139 but also 'in the siege of Shrewsbury' which really took place in August 1138. The witness-list of this charter, though not completely incompatible with

[1] We have quoted from the original at Angers (Archives du Maine-et-Loire, 242 H 1 (2)), the text printed in *Reg.* ii. 1687 (ccxlviii) being imperfect.

the siege of Shrewsbury, presents certain difficulties which become even greater when it is realized that the gift which the charter confirms was made by Roger Bishop of Chester, whose own charter does not seem to have been drawn up until 1145 or 1146.[1] Another document in the hand of **scriptor xiii** purports to be a charter of King Stephen in favour of Reading Abbey (**679**), but is sealed with a forged seal. It is a confirmation of a grant by Queen Adeliza (Henry I's widow), but is unusual since the land in question was royal demesne which she had no right to alienate.

The authenticity of **132** and **679** is a question of considerable importance. Hitherto the assumption has been that royal charters written in the hands of royal scribes were necessarily authentic. In the conditions of Stephen's reign, however, this assumption may not be valid. Royal scribes who were put out of work at Stephen's accession (e.g. Robert de Sigillo) or after the arrest of the bishops (1139) or the battle of Lincoln (1141), might well have been tempted to offer their services as writers of unauthorized charters; they knew the correct formulae and their handwriting would be recognized as that of the royal *scriptorium*. It was presumably in the hope of preventing such activities that Stephen changed his seal after the arrest of the bishops, but it seems that there was still hope for the private enterprise of those who were able to secure the *matrix* of a forged seal. Reading Abbey, the beneficiary of **679**, must have been in a particularly favoured position; from 1136 to 1141 it had Robert de Sigillo as a monk, and in the last years of Stephen's reign its abbot was Reginald who had occasionally acted as deputy for the chancellor. Another foundation which was well situated was the college of St. Martin le Grand of London, which poses a similar question with regard to **scriptor xiv**.

Scriptor xiv has been identified by Bishop as Peter the scribe (*Scriptores Regis*, 24–25 and plate xvii *b*). His working career seems to have extended over thirty years (*c.* 1130–60), and it has been possible to identify his handwriting in 7 charters of Henry I, 8 of Stephen, 6 of the empress, 4 of Henry II, and 25 of Archbishop Theobald, as well as in a letter of Nigel Bishop of Ely and a charter of the prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, this last being in favour of Peter the scribe himself. The charters of Henry I are *Reg.* ii. 1667, 1730, 1756, 1919, 1946, 1964, and 1983, the earliest of which date from 1130. The charters which he wrote for Stephen are **15**, **40**, **255**, **256**, **260**, **388**, **525**, and **543**. Two of these (**255–6**) probably date from February 1136, while two others (**525** and **543**) belong to the twelve months after the arrest of the bishops. After the battle of Lincoln (2 February 1141) this scribe must have gone over to the empress, for Bishop has identified his hand in a charter of hers which must be dated March 1141 (**628**), as well as in two others which must belong to June of the same year (**274** and **392**). In our opinion he also wrote **111**, **394**, and **651** for the empress. The latest of these (**111**) can be dated to the early months of 1144, after which there seems to have been a gap in this scribe's career, because he does not seem to have started regular work for Archbishop Theobald until 1147 or 1148. It may be added that if he was Peter the scribe, he had a property in Gloucester which he sold to Roger de Tockenham between 25 July 1141 and 24 December 1143.[2]

Bishop claimed (*Scriptores Regis*, 8) that an imitator of **scriptor xiv** was responsible for **540**, **545**, **547**, **549**, **552**, and **558**. All these are in favour of St. Martin le Grand of London, as also is a charter of Archbishop Theobald in the same hand (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 170), and a charter of Queen Matilda (**539**) in the same hand and on the same subject. It is very difficult for non-experts to distinguish between the work of a scribe and his imitator, but we would hazard the suggestion that all these charters may have been written by **scriptor xiv** himself. If so, the gap between his service for the empress and his service for the

[1] R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, vi. 323.

[2] The sale was confirmed by Miles Earl of Hereford in a charter printed by David Walker in *Camden Miscellany*, xxii (1964), 14.

archbishop, would be filled by a period as resident canon of St. Martin le Grand, for all these charters may be dated to the period between 1145 and 1147, and St. Martin's had (as we have already seen) close connexions with the royal chancery. Whether the charters which he wrote for the college were really authorized by the relevant authorities is a question which we cannot answer. Nor are we ever likely to know whether Henry II really authorized the four charters for Christ Church, Canterbury which **scriptor xiv** wrote when he was in the archbishop's service; nor whether Prior Gilbert really authorized the charter which **scriptor xiv** wrote in favour of Peter the scribe.

Scriptor xvi has only two charters attributed to him, **39** and **500**. Both are charters of King Stephen and date from 1135–6.

Scriptor xvii also makes no more than a brief appearance at the very beginning of the reign. Bishop has identified his hand in **389**, **445**, and **936**, to which we would add **346**.

Scriptor xviii has been identified as the writer of **114**, **135**, **312**, **579**, **667**, **690**, and **963**, which extend from the beginning of the reign, or at any rate from December 1137 almost to the eve of the battle of Lincoln (2 February 1141). One of these charters (**963**) was apparently sealed with the forged 'first' seal, but it is now detached, and it seems that it may have been attached to the document sometime after it was written, for there has also been some tampering with the text. Another charter of his (**114**) has a genuine 'second' seal.

Scriptor xix wrote **69**, **74**, **273**, and **437** which extend in date from March 1137 to 1140. **273** has a genuine 'second' seal.

Scriptor xx wrote **41**, **42**, **176**, **266**, **276**, **308**, **318**, **390**, **493**, **517**, **668**, **835**, and **935**, two of which (**835** and **935**) are sealed with Stephen's second seal. The earliest of this scribe's charters is probably **41**, which must date from before August 1138. At the other end of his career we have **266** which dates from 1144–5, but several of his charters have wide limits of date, and some may well be later.

Scriptor xxi wrote **85**, **145**, **147**, **148**, **177**, **179**, **244**, **484**, **485**, **507**, **508**, **537**, **538**, **689**, **694**, **873**, and **877**, and (in our opinion) **460**, **801**, and **922**. Of these the earliest is probably **801**, before 1143, and the latest **177**, which cannot be earlier than 1149 and may well be as late as 1153.

Scriptor xxii wrote **103**, **138**, **139**, **146**, **150**, **258**, **317**, **336**. **360**, **448**, **449**, **450**, **471**, **486**, **488**, **504**, **515**, **519**, **669**, **670**, **688**, and **938**, and also (in our opinion) **151**, **243**, and **739**. None of these is necessarily earlier than 1146 (to which year we attribute **150**), and **739** can be dated with confidence to the summer of 1154. Mr. Bishop has been unable to discover his hand in charters of King Henry II.

From the study of the chancellor, masters of the writing-chamber, chaplains, clerks, and scribes, we proceed to the study of the royal seal which the chancellor and his staff were entrusted with.

SEALS OF KING STEPHEN

It is well known that King Stephen had two successive seals, and there is every reason for thinking that Round was correct in stating that the first was used until the arrest of the bishops (*c.* 24 June 1139), and the second for the rest of the reign.[1] In style the first seal is the bolder and the second the more delicate, both in the figure of the king and in the lettering. Particular differences are: (i) on the reverse (or equestrian side) of the *first* seal the king is brandishing a sword, while on the *second* seal he carries a lance which has a banner adorned with a cross; (ii) on the obverse (or majesty side) of the *first* seal, the uprights of the throne are adorned with circular ornaments which do not appear at all on the *second* seal; (iii) the legend of the *first* seal uses a rounded capital Є, while the *second* seal has a square E.

[1] J. H. Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville* (London, 1892), 50–51.

Stephen's First Seal

Charter no.	*Beneficiary*	*Scriptor*	*Date*
99	Beverley Minster	xiii	Feb. 1136
255	Durham Cath. and See	xiv	Feb. 1136 or 1138
256	Durham Cath. and See	xiv	Feb. 1136 or 1138
288	Eye Priory	unidentified	Dec. 1137–Mar. 1138
346	Gloucester Abbey	xvii	1135–9
351	Gloucester Abbey	xiii	1135–9
388	Miles of Gloucester	xiv	1135–9
389	Miles of Gloucester	xvii	1136–Mar. 1137
499	London, Holy Trinity	Beneficiary's scribe	1135–9
688	Reading Abbey	xiii	1135–9
716	Rievaulx Abbey	xiii	Feb.–Mar. 1136

There is also a detached seal (BM. seal xxxix. 10) which was given to the British Museum in 1857 by the second Marquess of Westminster.

Stephen's Second Seal

Charter no.	*Beneficiary*	*Scriptor*	*Date*
114	Bordesley Abbey	xviii	Dec. 1140–Jan. 1141
118	Bricett Priory	unidentified	*c.* Aug. 1153
151	Canterbury Cath. and See	xxii	1139–54
244	Cornhill, Gervase de	xxi	1139–54
258	Durham Cath. and See	xxii	1153–4
273	Geoffrey de Mandeville	xix	Dec. 1139–40
276	Geoffrey de Mandeville	xx	Christmas 1141
336	Fountains Abbey	xxii	1151–3
493	William Earl of Lincoln	xx	June–Sept. 1139
519	London, Holy Trinity	xxii	1153–4
547	London, St. Martin le Grand	'imitator' of xiv	1147–52
633	Oseney Abbey	xxii	1149
689	Reading Abbey	xxi	1139–53
692	Reading Abbey	unidentified	1140–54
694	Reading Abbey	xxi	1146–7
743	St. Albans Abbey	unidentified	1139–52
835	Stamford Priory	xx	1139–54
935	Westminster Abbey	xx	1139–54
938	Westminster Abbey	xxii	1149–52
*939	Westminster Abbey	a Westminster hand	'1151–2'
*940	Westminster Abbey	unidentified	'1151–2'

In addition to these two seals the existence of a third was pointed out by W. H. St. John Hope, with an excellent illustration, in *Proc. of Soc. Antiq.*, 2nd series, xix (1901–3), 60–63.[1] We have been able to discover five examples of this seal, which we have no hesitation in

[1] St. John Hope's conjecture, that the seal was genuine and intended for use in Normandy, is disproved by the fact that the four additional examples now known belong to charters with English place-dates. St. John Hope also believed that the matrix was probably made by the same engraver who made Seals I and II, but in our view the workmanship is distinctly inferior. We consider it axiomatic that there could be only one Great Seal at any one time; but even if this were not so, we believe that any king who required an additional seal would have ensured that the new one was either identical with the old in every respect, or else so different as to be recognized at a glance. Slight differences which can be noticed only after minute investigation are the sure signs of a forgery. We know of forged seals of Kings Edward the Confessor, William I, William II, and Henry I, and there is therefore nothing surprising in the discovery of a forged seal of King Stephen also. According to Thomas Walsingham, Abbot Ralph of St. Albans (1146–51) deposed his prior because he discovered that he was employing the King of Denmark's goldsmith to counterfeit his seal (*Gesta Abbatum Mon. S. Albani a Thoma Walsingham*, ed. H. T. Riley (R.S., 1867), i. 107.

declaring a forgery, even though it must have been fabricated and used while Stephen was still on the throne. It is an imitation of Stephen's first seal, and may be recognized by the following mistakes:

(i) In the legends a square E is used instead of the rounded Є.
(ii) On the obverse (or majesty side) the alinement of the inscription is wrong, the bottom left (or dexter) point of the throne touching R of REX instead of the final A of GRATIA.
(iii) (Obv.) The little columns at the side of the throne have eight circular ornaments instead of six.
(iv) (Obv.) There should be, but is not, a little arch between the king's shins and the columns of the throne.
(v) (Obv.) The cushion of the throne should be ornamented with dots, but is not.
(vi) (Obv.) The border of the king's cloak, which falls in a V shape from his shoulder, is ornamented with dots the whole way round; these dots should be on the right-hand portion of the V only, and there should be no more than six of them on this portion, not ten as on the forgery.
(vii) On the reverse the alinement of the legend is wrong, the horse's front hooves coinciding with the E and I instead of the D and Є of DEI.
(viii) (Rev.) The horse's head is too far from the legend, and his ears point at the H and A instead of the P and H in the legend.
(ix) Stephen's sword is at an angle of about 80° instead of being nearly vertical and intersects the inscription between the final O and R instead of the final N and O of NORMANNORUM.

We have been able to identify the forged first seal, or fragments of it, on the following charters:

Forged First Seal

Charter no.	*Beneficiary*	*Scriptor*	*Date*
626	Oseney Abbey	Oseney scribe	1136–40
679	Reading Abbey	xiii	Dec. 1138–9
718	Rochester Cath. and See	Rochester scribe	1135–9
963	Worcester Cath. and See	xviii	1135–9
964	Worcester Cath. and See	unidentified	Dec. 1137–June 1139

It will be seen that, while three of the charters have peculiarities of script and formulation which would in any case have made them suspect, **679** and **963** would have aroused no suspicions if it had not been for their seals. In the case of **963** it may be that the forged seal was attached as an 'improvement' after an original seal had been lost, for it is noticeable that the text has been 'improved' by a later hand, and the seal is now detached though it has the appearance of having once been on a tongue. In the case of **679** no such argument is possible, the text being unaltered and the seal being firmly attached on a tongue. The **scriptor** concerned, however, is **xiii**, and it has already been seen that he seems to have produced imitations of royal charters after he had left the royal service.

HOUSEHOLD OF KING STEPHEN

Of the departments which we find in the *Constitutio Domus Regis* we have already dealt with the chapel under the heading of Chancery.

(*a*) *Stewards*

Two charters which can be dated to about Easter 1136 (**271** and **944**) are attested by groups

of four stewards each, but only two men are common to both groups. These two are WILLIAM MARTEL and SIMON DE BEAUCHAMP. The other four, each of whom occurs in only one of the two charters, are HUGH BIGOD (**271**), HUMPHREY DE BOHUN (**271**), ROBERT MALET (**944**), and ROBERT FITZ RICHARD DE CLARE (**944**).[1] The essential fact about these stewards is that the only one of them who had not died or transferred to the empress by 1141 was WILLIAM MARTEL who, for much of the reign, seems to have been the king's sole steward and in almost perpetual attendance; he witnessed a total of 181 charters for the king, and when captured at the battle of Wilton (1142) was ransomed by the king, even though the price demanded, and paid, was the surrender of Sherborne Castle. Of the other stewards, SIMON DE BEAUCHAMP died in 1137, and his nephew Miles went into revolt almost immediately because Stephen denied him his inheritance; HUMPHREY DE BOHUN went over to the empress in 1139, and ROBERT MALET and HUGH BIGOD by 1141 at latest. Only ROBERT FITZ RICHARD DE CLARE remained loyal till his death (1137) and had a son, WALTER FITZ ROBERT, who was recognized by Stephen as a royal steward.

The steward (*dapifer* or *senescallus*) was a man of some importance. He served as one of the king's justices (**934**, **239c**),[2] but his principal responsibility was for the administration of the king's hall, among his subordinates being the master dispencer of the king's bread (pannetry), the master dispencer of the king's larder, with subordinate larderers, and the cooks of the great and royal kitchens; but the only one of these whom the charters enable us to name is John the king's larderer at York (**433**, **990**).

It should be noticed that whereas Stephen for most of his reign had only one or two stewards, the chief of whom was a 'new man' and active administrator, the empress and Duke Henry disposed of hereditary stewardships as coveted honours. Stephen's chief steward, William Martel, was not permitted to retain his stewardship under Henry II.

(*b*) *Butlers*

At Easter 1136 two butlers (*pincerne*) attested Stephen's Oxford charter of liberties for the Church. They were WILLIAM D'ALBINI PINCERNA and EUDO MARTEL. Both occur again in **679** which is of doubtful value. WILLIAM D'ALBINI PINCERNA was a frequent witness until his death in 1139. In that same year his son William became an earl, and though we presume that he was granted his father's office of butler, he did not use the title with that of earl. He certainly claimed the office from Henry II in 1158.[3] EUDO MARTEL was a younger brother of William Martel the steward.[4] William Martel had been a butler under Henry I, and his younger brother apparently succeeded him in this office when he was promoted.[5] Eudo disappears from view after 1139.

According to the *constitutio domus regis* there was a master dispencer of the wine under the butler, but we have no mention of him in the charters. JOHN DE ARGENTEIN was apparently the cup-bearer (**23**).

(*c*) *Chamberlains*

According to the *constitutio domus regis* the master chamberlain was assisted by the chamberlain who served his turn, and William Mauduit who, according to the Pipe Roll of 1130, was receiver of the payments in the *camera curie*.[6]

[1] For Simon de Beauchamp see Orderic, v. 104. For Humphrey de Bohun see William of Malmesbury, *Hist. Nov.*, para. 479. For Robert Malet see **274** and **88**. For Hugh Bigod see Davis, 141–2. Robert Torigni, in *Chronicles* (R.S.), iv. 131 says that Robert fitz Richard died in 1136, but is a year out since he links him with John Bishop of Rochester who died on 22 June 1137. Walter fitz Robert is called *regis dapifer* in an account of a lawsuit in *Pinchbeck Register*, ed. Lord Francis Hervey, ii. 299; he seems also to have been a royal justice (**239c**).

[2] Cf. *Pinchbeck Register*, ii. 299.

[3] Round, *The King's Serjeants*, 143.

[4] *C.D.F.*, no. 1009.

[5] William of Malmesbury, *Hist. Nov.*, para. 496.

[6] *Pipe Roll 31 Henry I*, 134. For the chamberlainships see Richardson and Sayles, *Governance of Mediaeval England*, 221–3 and 421–37.

Two chamberlains are found at the beginning of the reign, both attesting at Easter 1136 at Westminster, though not in the same charters. WILLIAM DE PONT DE L'ARCHE occurs in **46** and is known to have been in effective control of the treasury when Stephen won the throne. He went over to the empress in 1141 (**897**), but apparently returned to Stephen's allegiance and deserted again in 1143.[1] He died soon after. AUBREY DE VERE I attested **46** and **945–9** as chamberlain. He was killed in a riot in London, probably in May 1140.[2] His son Aubrey went over to the empress in 1141. She created him Earl of Oxford and granted him the chamberlainship previously held by his father and Robert Malet (**634–5**). He returned to Stephen's allegiance, at any rate by 1145 (**460**; cf. **11**, **118**, **137**, **272**, and **402**) and may have been allowed to keep his chamberlainship, though he only styled himself earl.

In January 1154 WARIN FITZ GEROLD attested a charter of Stephen's as chamberlain (**127**). He was in fact Duke Henry's chamberlain, and two of his fellow witnesses were Duke Henry's steward and constable, but it is possible that he was seconded to Stephen after the treaty of Westminster, in order to watch over Duke Henry's interests.

WILLIAM MAUDUIT (MALEDOCTUS) who, as already stated, had a position in the chamberlain's department at the beginning of the reign, attested for Stephen until 1139 (**255**, **667**, **727**, **749**) but did not style himself chamberlain. By 1141 he had gone over to the empress who recognized him as her chamberlain (**581**). In 1153 Duke Henry gave him the ministry of his chamber and the chamberlainship of his treasury (**582**). In this dual capacity he must have been an important financial officer of the crown, for monies due to the crown were sometimes paid into the chamber instead of the treasury.[3]

RABEL DE TANCARVILLE, who was Henry I's chief chamberlain in Normandy never recognized Stephen, and opposed him as soon as he landed in Normandy.[4] He died in 1140.

The queen had her own chamberlains, Hubert and Robert. Hubert attested three of her charters and four of the king's, appearing at least as early as 1137 (**843**), and at least as late as 1145 (**541**). Robert is known from a single attestation in a charter of Walter Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury.[5]

William the Chamberlain (**166**) and John the Chamberlain (**857**) seem to have been private rather than royal officials.

(*d*) *Treasurer*

ATHELHELM or ADELELM was the king's treasurer in 1137. He was a relative of Bishop Roger of Salisbury and was dean of Lincoln Cathedral by 1145. He was still alive (and still dean) in 1162.[6]

(*e*) *Constables*

In 1136 four royal constables attended on Stephen at Oxford and witnessed his charter of liberties for the Church (**271**): ROBERT DE VERE, MILES OF GLOUCESTER, ROBERT D'OILLI, and BRIEN FITZ COUNT. Of these, ROBERT DE VERE was clearly the successor of ROBERT DE MONTFORT who had been banished in 1107. He seems to have owed his position to the fact that he had married Alice de Montfort and thus become possessed of the Honour of Haughley (Suff.) which was later known as the *honor constabularie* and had special links with Dover Castle. MILES OF GLOUCESTER had inherited his position from his father, Walter

[1] *G.S.* 5 and 100–1.

[2] *Liber Eliensis*, ed. E. O. Blake (Camden Third Series, xcii, 1962), 320 n.

[3] In 1154–5 Richard de Lucy paid £111. 15*s.* from the farm of Essex into the *camera curie* (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, ed. H. Hall (R.S., London, 1896), 650).

[4] Orderic, (ed. Le Prévost), v. 81, and Robert of Torigni in *Chronicles* (R.S.), iv. 132.

[5] Canterbury Cath. Archives, S. 313).

[6] *Thame Cartulary*, ed. H. E. Salter (Oxfordshire Rec. Soc. xxv, 1947), i. 2. Cf. Richardson and Sayles, *Governance of Mediaeval England*, 220, and *Registrum Antiquissimum*, ii. 11 and 21–22. Cf. *Facsimiles of MSS in the British Museum*, i. 23.

of Gloucester, but lost it (so far as Stephen was concerned) when he went over to the empress in 1139. ROBERT D'OILLI II had inherited his position from his father Nigel (d. *c.* 1115) and his uncle Robert I (d. *c.* 1091–2), but in 1141 he went over to the empress. BRIEN FITZ COUNT, a favourite of King Henry I and one of his constables in 1131, went over to the empress in 1139. It has previously been considered that he acquired his constableship through his wife Maud who was the daughter of Robert d'Oilli, though in this case the constableship would have been subject to partible inheritance. It is simpler to believe that his constableship was that of Walter de Beauchamp who died in 1131, and that Henry I gave it to him simply because he was one of his favourites. It may be noted that in a charter to Walter de Beauchamp's son William, Henry I confirmed him in his father's lands and dispencership, without making any mention of a constableship.[1]

In one version of the chronicle of John of Worcester it is stated that after the defection of Miles of Gloucester Stephen deprived him of his constableship and gave it to William son of Walter de Beauchamp (*c.* 30 November 1139, at Worcester). If this grant was in fact made, and if it was intended as a bribe for William's support, it was singularly ineffective, for William is not once found as a witness in Stephen's charters, and went over to the empress at any rate by 1141 (**68**, **115**). It is possible that the whole story is a mistake, for in the best manuscript of the chronicle—which is possibly the author's autograph—the words denoting the grant to William de Beauchamp have been deleted.[2] We therefore prefer to follow the evidence of the charters, and suggest that William de Beauchamp never recognized Stephen as king, but supported the empress (**111**, **115**, **116**, and **795**) with such good effect that she granted him his father's constableship as of hereditary right (**68**).

The history of the constableship in Stephen's reign is very similar to that of the stewardship. Owing to desertions the number of constables was reduced in six years from four to one—and that one a 'new man', ROBERT DE VERE. One of his chief duties, according to the *Dialogus de Scaccario*, would have been to see that the king's mercenaries were paid the correct wages, and consequently it is not surprising that (like William Martel the steward he was in almost constant attendance on the king and witnessed 142 of his charters. He died in, or soon after, 1151 (**336** being his latest attestation) and was succeeded in his office by HENRY OF ESSEX who attested 40 of the king's charters, and appears as constable before the death of the queen on 3 May 1152 (**503**, cf. **866**). He had apparently acquired both his office and lands through his marriage to Robert de Vere's daughter Alice. The main branch of the family of Montfort-sur-Risle evidently considered both him and his father-in-law usurpers, but it was not until 1163 that Robert de Montfort defeated Henry of Essex in trial by battle, and recovered what he considered to be his rightful constableship.[3]

In a private charter of 1140–3 Turgis of Avranches is described as *regis constabularius*, but he cannot have held the position for long, because he revolted in 1145.[4]

(*f*) *Marshals*

JOHN FITZ GILBERT attested twelve charters for Stephen as JOHN THE MARSHAL (**117**, **288**, **342**, **384–5**, **418**, **435**, **712**, **749**, **868**, **954**, and **963**) and is mentioned in one other (**579**), but none of them can be proved to be earlier than 1137. He had, however, been Henry I's

[1] *Reg.* ii. 1710 (cclvi).

[2] *The Chronicle of John of Worcester*, ed. J. R. H. Weaver (Oxford, 1908), 58. The sentence as found in Trinity College Dublin MS. (no. 503) E. 6. 4 is as follows, the words in italics being deleted in Corpus Christi College Oxford MS. 157: 'Ubi [apud Wigorniam] tribus vel quinque diebus moratus, regii constabulatus honorem Miloni Gloecestrensi suo hosti ablatum *Willelmo filio Walterii de Bellocampo Wigornensi vicecomiti dedit*'.

[3] Robert de Torigni in *Chronicles* (R.S.), iv. 218; *The Chronicle of Jocelin of Brakeland*, ed. H. E. Butler (Nelson's Medieval Classics, 1949), 68–71. For the genealogy of Montfort-sur-Risle see D. C. Douglas, *Domesday Monachorum* (London, 1944), 70.

[4] B. A. Lees, *Records of the Templars*, no. 35.

marshal, as had his father before him. As marshal he would have been the principal assistant of the constables. He was probably in charge of the stables, and certainly had duties in the Exchequer, where he was in charge of the tallies and responsible for the imprisonment of debtors. He also had the general duty of keeping order in the palace and of arranging billets for members of the court. Stephen, however, seems to have preferred that these duties should be performed by someone of lesser status, for he does not seem to have replaced John fitz Gilbert after he had deserted to the empress in 1139.[1] In **814** there is a reference to 'Walchelino marescallo meo', but as the land he had been given was in Gamlingay, it is more likely that he was an official of the Honour of Boulogne than of the royal household.

JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION

Justiciarship or Regency

As already stated (p. ix) Bishop Roger of Salisbury had held an unofficial position as *procurator* (justiciar or regent) under King Henry I, and retained it under Stephen until he was arrested in June 1139. We have two writs issued by him as *procurator* (**313**, **397**), though only one of them ends with the correct formula of 'sicut rex precepit per breve suum'. **31** is a writ from the king to Roger of Salisbury, apparently in his capacity of *procurator*.

After the fall of Bishop Roger no other subject seems to have been allowed a position of comparable importance. The only procuratorial or quasi-procuratorial writ is one of the queen's (**530**) which instructs the local justiciar and sheriff of London 'ex parte domini mei et mea' and ends 'sicut rex dominus meus precepit per breve suum'. **557** has also been quoted as a procuratorial writ[2] but was probably issued by the queen in her own right as lady of the Honour of Boulogne. Messrs. Richardson and Sayles have claimed that Richard de Lucy held a procuratorial position towards the end of the reign, but though there are several writs in which he is addressed as a justice (**534**, **546–50**, **552**, **559**), they all concern him in his capacity as local justice of London and Essex. The theory that Duke Henry acted as Stephen's chief justice after the Treaty of Westminster, though recently repeated, has been convincingly refuted by Messrs. Richardson and Sayles.[3]

Stephen required regents in Normandy for the short period during which he attempted to control the duchy. Between his accession and his own arrival in Normandy in March 1137, he seems to have used Waleran Count of Meulan and his twin brother Robert Earl of Leicester as his principal deputies. Waleran, to whom Stephen betrothed his daughter, seems to have been the more important of the two, but did not arrive in the duchy until Easter 1136.[4] After his return from Normandy in November 1137, Stephen appointed William de Roumare and Roger le vicomte as 'justiciars' of Normandy,[5] though it is not clear how extensive their powers were supposed to be; Roger le vicomte seems to have been responsible for the *pagus* of the Cotentin, where he was killed in an ambush in January 1138,[6] but William de Roumare is described as 'keeping the king's justice in Normandy' at Rouen on 18 December 1138.[7] During the same year (May 1138) Waleran of Meulan and William of Ypres were sent over 'to help the troubled land', but both were back in England by June

[1] Stephen was besieging his castle at Marlborough when the empress landed at Arundel on 30 September 1139 (*Chronicle of John of Worcester*, ed. Weaver, 55, n. 4).

[2] F. J. West, *The Justiciarship in England, 1066–1232* (Cambridge, 1966), 25.

[3] *The Governance of Mediaeval England*, 254–5; West (in *The Justiciarship*, 26–27) cannot show that any of the charters which he cites are necessarily, or even probably, later than the Treaty of Westminister.

[4] Orderic (ed. Le Prévost) v. 58, 64, 69.

[5] Orderic, v. 91–92: 'Neustriae vero justiciarios Guillelmum de Rolmara et Rogerium vicecomitem constituerat, illis praecipiens facere quod ipse praesens agere non poterat'.

[6] Orderic, v. 105: 'rectore itaque interfecto, totus pagus desolatus est'.

[7] C. H. Haskins, *Norman Institutions* (Cambridge, Mass., 1918), 92.

1139.[1] Early in 1141 Robert Earl of Leicester seems to have been the king's chief agent in Normandy, but in the late spring or summer he realized the hopelessness of the situation and returned to England.[2]

The King's Court

The main court of justice was naturally that of the king, but there is nothing to suggest that its composition was formalized. The chronicles' account of the arrests of the bishops, of Geoffrey de Mandeville, and of Ranulf Earl of Chester, suggest that the king took the leading part himself, and that he was assisted by his advisers of the moment. In **506** there is an account of a plea which was heard by the king at some date between December 1136 and March 1137, those who assisted being the queen, Algar Bishop of Coutances, Roger the chancellor, Arnulf Archdeacon of Sées (who was later to become Bishop of Lisieux), William Martel, Robert de Courcy, Aubrey de Vere, Geoffrey de Mandeville, Hugh Bigod, and Adam de Beaunay; and it may be noted that all the laymen concerned are known to have served Stephen, or in one case Duke Geoffrey, as justices in various localities.[3] An account of another plea which the king heard at Norwich *c.* 1146 but transferred to a great council at London, where he still managed to avoid giving a decision, is printed in *The Life and Miracles of St. William of Norwich by Thomas of Monmouth*,[4] and in spite of its somewhat fanciful details, it gives some idea of the general procedure which could be expected. Two other accounts, both from the last years of the reign, concern the abbeys of Abingdon (**13**) and Battle.[5] Those who believed themselves to be secure in the royal favour naturally preferred to have their cases heard by the king in person rather than by his justices locally. Thus the monks of Abingdon secured the concession that they were not to be impleaded until the king came into the district, and then only in his presence (**10**), and the monks of Thorney that they were not to be put in plea unless the king commanded it with his own mouth (**886**, **893**).

Justices

The justices (*justicie*) of the king were the men who heard pleas in his name. They have often been called 'justiciars', but we prefer not to use that term, in order to avoid confusion with the regent or *procurator*, whom historians have often called 'the justiciar'.

It has been shown that in Henry I's reign and before there were local justices who served in particular counties like the sheriffs,[6] but at any rate by 1130 there was also a central body of justices whose members could be sent out on major visitations of the counties. The chief of these central justices under Henry I was Ralph Basset, and after him his son Richard, others who were prominent being Robert Arundel, Miles of Gloucester, Eustace and Payn fitz John, Geoffrey de Clinton, Walter Espec, and William d'Albini *Brito*.[7] Stephen seems to have had little benefit of them. Three of them can be shown to have been justices in the early months or years of his reign,[8] but one of them, Payn fitz John, died in July 1137, and the other two, Eustace fitz John and Miles of Gloucester, went over to the empress in 1138 and 1139 respectively. Robert Arundel, Geoffrey de Clinton, and Richard Basset do not seem to have acted as justices for Stephen, and are known to have gone over to the empress, the first two at any rate by 1141 and the last not later than 1146.[9] William d'Albini *Brito* seems to

[1] Orderic, v. 108, 120–1.
[2] Orderic, v. 131–2.
[3] Robert de Courcy is the one who served Duke Geoffrey in Normandy. See the lists below.
[4] Ed. and trans. A. Jessopp and M. R. James (Cambridge, 1896), 99–110.
[5] See below, p. xxvii.
[6] H. A. Cronne, 'The Office of Local Justiciar in England under the Norman Kings', *Univ. of Birmingham Hist. Journ.* vi (1958), 18–38.
[7] D. M. Stenton, *English Justice between the Norman Conquest and the Great Charter, 1066–1215* (London, 1965), 60–65.
[8] **257**, **382**, **398**.
[9] Robert Arundel attested for Stephen in 1136 (**46**, **434**, **572**, **944**) and for the empress in 1141 (**274**).

have forfeited his lands before 1146 (**178**), and Walter d'Espec though apparently loyal is hardly mentioned after 1138.

Because Stephen did not retain the services of Henry I's leading justices for long, it does not follow that he had no justices of his own. William Martel his steward is called a 'justice of the king' in an account of a meeting of the joint shire-court of Norfolk and Suffolk *c.* 1149–53,[1] was ordered to judge a case between the abbots of Westminster and Chertsey (**934**), and is mentioned as having heard pleas at Huntingdon with Aubrey de Vere (**883**). Aubrey himself had responsibilities in Norfolk (**82**) and in the counties in which Christ Church Canterbury had lands (**143**). Two references to Adam de Beaunay, once with Henry of Essex (**318**) and on another occasion with Robert fitz Walter (**752**), are suggestive of itinerant justices before 1141. Robert fitz Walter visited Suffolk as a justice *c.* 1148–53.[2]

Whereas a visitation by itinerant justices would in any reign have been an exceptional (and unpleasant) occurrence, it must be assumed that every county had its local justice as a matter of course. As is well known, Stephen confirmed Geoffrey de Mandeville Earl of Essex as hereditary justice and sheriff of London, Middlesex, Essex, and Hertfordshire at the same 'farm' (or rent) as his grandfather had paid (**276**). An even more interesting grant is that of the king's justice of Lincoln and Lincolnshire to Bishop Robert de Chesney in 1154. He was to have the same rights as Bishops Robert Bloet (1094–1123) and Alexander (1123–48) before him—though the latter had been deprived of the office after his arrest—and all the men of the city and shire were ordered to obey the summons of his officials, being warned that if they did not do this the bishop would 'do justice on them through their chattels' until they did (**490**). It is thus clear, as Lady Stenton has shown, that the local justice did not simply visit an ordinary meeting of the shire court, but summoned his own court through his own officials, and collected his own amercements.[3] In theory he was independent of the sheriff.

Earls and Sheriffs

Under Henry I the local administration of the several counties was normally controlled by two local officials, the justice (whom we have just discussed) and the sheriff, who was the king's financial agent and general *factotum*. It has generally been thought that this dual system was maintained in Stephen's reign, and that the twenty-six earldoms which were created were merely honorific. In our opinion, however, the earls were genuine officials, even if they were noble. Their prime responsibility would have been the defence of their county (or counties) against the enemies of the king (or empress), but in most cases the military command seems to have led to an overall control, somewhat like that which had previously been exercised by the Anglo-Danish earls or West Saxon *ealdormen*. There were only five counties which had no earl at any period of Stephen's reign. Some counties had rival earls, one for the king and another for the empress. Some earls were transferred from one county to another, or given extra earldoms; and two earls were actually 'deprived' or dismissed.[4] The king, the empress, and Duke Henry all addressed writs to their earls (**101**, **122**, **124**, **190**, **210**, **316a**, **344**, **364**, **411**, **414**, **533**, **597**, **611**, **657**, **671**, **688–9**, **692**, **884**, **966–7**, **991–2**), and

Geoffrey de Clinton never attested for Stephen but was with the empress in 1141 (**629**). Richard Basset attested once for Stephen in 1136 (**284**), but when next we hear of him (*c.* 1144–6) he is dead and his son a supporter of the empress (**43**).

[1] *The Pinchbeck Register*, ed. Lord Francis Hervey (Oxford, 1925), ii. 297–9. Cf. *E.H.R.* xxxix (1924), 569 ff.

[2] Ibid.

[3] D. M. Stenton, *English Justice*, 66–67.

[4] William de Roumare, whom Stephen recognized as Earl of Lincoln in 1146, was dismissed and replaced by Gilbert de Gant in 1149. William de Mohun was made Earl of Somerset and/or Dorset by the empress and dismissed by her when he deserted to Stephen, apparently in the same year (Davis, *Stephen*, App. i).

COUNTY OFFICIALS 1135–54

County	*Earl*	*Local Justice*	*Sheriff*	*Charters or other references*
Beds.	Hugh de Beaumont, 1138[1]		William Bacon (n.d.)	683
Berks.			Henry of Oxford (1153–5)	13, and *RBE* 657
Bucks.	*Earl Walter Giffard (1109–64)*[2]			
Cambs.	*Earl of Huntingdon (1136–9)*			
,,	Earl William de Roumare (1139)[3]		Pagan (1139–40 and 1154–63)	410, *RBE*. 648, and Eyton
,,	(?) Earl of Northampton (1140–53)		Ralph (1153–4)	Gray, *St. Radegund's Cambridge*, 75
Cheshire	*Eorl Ranulf (1129–53)*			
Cornwall	Earl Alan of Brittany (1140)[4]			
,,	*Earl Reginald (1140–75)*			
Derby	Earl Robert de Ferrers I (1138–9)		William Peverel of Nottingham	831
,,	Earl Robert de Ferrers II (1139–59)			
Dorset	*Earl William de Mohun (1141)*[5]		Warin (1136)	189, 434, 818
Essex	*Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville (1140–3)*	*Geoffrey de Mandeville (1135–43)*	*Geoffrey de Mondeville (1141–3)*	40, 210, 263, 265, 276, 543
,,		Richard de Lucy (1143–54)	Maurice de Tiretot (1143–54)	544–50, 552, 559
Glos.	*Earl Robert (1122–47)*		*Miles of Gloucester*	347–50, 355, 654
,,	*Earl William (1147–83)*		*Roger Earl of Hereford, d. 1155*	344, 901
Hants			*Walter of Salisbury (1136–40)*	684
,,			*William de Pont de l'Arche (1141)*	897
Heref.	Robert Earl of Leicester (1140)	Pagan fitz John (d. 1137)	*Miles of Glaucester (later earl) (1136–41)*	437, 382, 398, 701
,,	*Earl Miles (1141–3)*			
,,	*Earl Roger (1143–54)*[6]			
Herts.	Earl Gilbert (fitz Richard) de Clare (1138/41–1152)	*Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville (1141)*	*Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville (1141)*	276
,,	Earl Roger de Clare (1152–73)			
Hunts.	*Earl Henry (1136–8 and 1139–41)*		Pagan	410
,,	Earl Simon (1138–9 and 1141–53)			884
Kent		Reginald fitz Count (1140–54)	Ansfrid (1135–6)	720, 142
			Ralph Picot (1136–40)	145
Leics.	Earl Robert de Beaumont (1109–68)			

[1] That Bedfordshire formed part of the earldom of Huntingdon was shown by G. H. Fowler in Beds. Hist. Rec. Soc. ix (1925), 33. The appointment of Hugh de Beaumont in 1138 must therefore have been a rebuff to King David, and may have been a contributory cause of his invasion of England in that year.

[2] Earl Walter Giffard is an exception to the general rule. There is no evidence of his having undertaken governmental duties in Bucks. He had a large Honour based on Longueville in Normandy, and made peace with Duke Geoffrey in 1143.

[3] Cambridgeshire normally belonged to the earldom of Huntingdon (G. H. Fowler, art. cit.) but Prince Henry of Scotland forfeited that earldom during the Scottish war of 1138–9, and it was apparently during that period that William de Roumare was appointed to Cambridgeshire. He was subsequently transferred to Lincolnshire (q.v.).

[4] Earl Alan lost Cornwall (both the county and earldom) to the empress's nominee, Earl Reginald, in 1140.

[5] Earl William de Mohun was appointed in 1141 and dismissed, apparently on his desertion to Stephen, in the same year. None of his descendants bore the title.

[6] Miles was hereditary sheriff of Gloucester in succession to his father, great-uncle, and grandfather. It is assumed that he was succeeded as sheriff by his son Earl Roger; in the Pipe Roll of 1154–5 (*Red Bk. of Exchcq.* (R.S.), ii. 650) the sheriff was Osbert de Westbury, but he accounted only for three-quarters of the year, presumably because he had not been appointed until Earl Roger's revolt in December 1154. At that time Earl Roger was dismissed from his earldom and forced to enter a monastery. His brother, Walter, inherited his lands but not the earldom, which was not revived until 1200, by which date earldoms were little more than honorific. See Davis in *Medieval Miscellany for D. M. Stenton*, Pipe Roll Soc., N.S. xxxvi (1960), 141–2.

COUNTY OFFICIALS 1135–54 (*cont.*)

County	Earl	*Local Justice*	*Sheriff*	*Charters or other references*
Lincs.		*Alexander Bishop of Lincoln (1135–9)*[1]		490, 885, 887
,,	Earl William d'Albini (1139–40)			472
,,	*Earl William de Roumare (1140–61)*[2]			472
,,	Earl Gilbert de Gant (1149–53)	Robert Bishop of Lincoln (1154)		414, 490
London and Middx.		Andrew Buccuinte (1135–9)		445, 524–5, 927
,,		*Osbert Eightpence (1139–41)*		527–8, 531, 829
,,		*Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville (1141–3)*	*Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville (1141–3)*	833
,,		Richard de Luci (1143–54)	John (1141 and 1155–6)	534; 530 and Eyton
,,		Gervase of Cornhill (before 1147)		243
,,		Theodoric fitz Derman (1143–54)		534
Norf. and Suff.		Aubrey de Vere (1136–40)	*? Hugh Bigod (1135–9)*	82, 416
,,	*Earl Hugh Bigod (1141–77)*[3]		John Chesney (1144–6)	364; Jessop and James, *St. William of Norwich*, p. xxxiv
,,	Earl William de Warenne IV (1148–53)[4]		William Chesney (1146–54)	401, 618
Northants.	Earl Simon (1136–53)		Robert Grimbald	411, 884; 611, and *RBE* 655
Notts.	Earl of Derby (q.v.)		William Peverel (?)	
Oxon.	*Earl Aubrey de Vere (1141)*[5]	*Robert d'Oilli (1136–41)*	Robert fitz Walter Chesney (*c.* 1136)	636; 354
,,			Henry of Oxford (1153–5)	13 and *RBE* 657
Salop			*William fitz Alan (1141–59)*	378, 461 and Eyton
Somerset	*Earl William de Mohun (1141)*[6]		Warin (*c.* 1136)	190; 189, 434, 818
Staffs.	*Ranulf Earl of Chester (1153)*	*Miles of Gloucester (1136–9)*		180; 134
Suff. *see* Norf. and Suff.				
Surrey	Earl William de Warenne II (1103–38)		William Martel	692; 691, 934 and *RBE* 654
,,	Earl William de Warenne III (1138–48)			
,,	Earl William de Warenne IV (1148–59)			
Warwicks.	*Earl Roger de Beaumont (1123–53)*			
Wilts.		*Roger Bishop of Salisbury (1136–9)*		351
,,	Earl Hervey Brito (1140)	*John fitz Gilbert, the marshal, (1141)*		16; 700, 791
,,	*Earl Patrick of Salisbury (1142/7–1168)*			
Worcs.	*Earl Waleran of Meulan (1138–41 and later)*[7]		*William de Beauchamp (c. 1139)*	966–7; *John of Worc.*, 58, n. 2
Yorks.	Earl William d'Aumâle (1138–79)	Ilbert de Lacy (1136–9)		101, 124, 991–2; 621–2

[1] Though reconciled to Stephen soon after his arrest in 1139, it does not seem that Bishop Alexander was restored to his position as local justice until 1154.

[2] William de Roumare was often in rebellion against Stephen, and was permanently so from 1146 or 1147. Stephen replaced him by Gilbert de Gant in 1149, but William continued to use his title at Duke Henry's court. Gilbert lost his earldom either at the Treaty of Westminster (December 1153) or on the accession of Henry II (December 1154).

[3] Hugh Bigod was probably made Earl of Norfolk by the empress who certainly recognized him as such in 1141 (**275**, **634**), but being isolated in East Anglia, he does not appear in charters again until 1153–4 when Duke Henry addressed one to him as Earl of Norfolk (**364**).

[4] The treaty of Westminster (**272**) suggests that Stephen gave Norfolk to his second son, William, on his marriage to Isabel de Warenne in 1148/9, presumably with instructions to contain Hugh Bigod (Davis, *Stephen*, App. i).

[5] Aubrey de Vere was created Earl of Oxford by the empress in 1141. He had returned to Stephen's allegiance by 1145 at the latest (**460**), but though he continued to witness charters as 'comite Alberico', it does not follow that Stephen had recognized him as Earl *of Oxford*; he had been Count of Guines since 1139. Henry II gave him the third penny of the pleas of Oxfordshire 'ut sit inde comes' in January 1156 (*G. de M.* 239–40 and L. C. Loyd in *Book of Seals*, p. 27).

[6] See footnote 5 on p. xxiv.

[7] G. H. White has shown that Waleran was made Earl of Worcester in 1143, and that he still used that title on his seal in 1144, three years after he had gone over to the empress (*T.R.H.S.* 4th series, xiii (1930), 65).

the earls addressed their own writs to their sheriffs and counties.[1] Earls were an essential part of government in a kingdom divided by war.

In the accompanying list of local officials we have therefore shown earls as well as justices and sheriffs. The names of the justices and sheriffs have been taken mainly from the addresses or final clauses of royal writs. In the address the normal formula was to address the bishop of the relevant diocese, the earl (if required), local justice, and sheriff in that order, and we have therefore assumed that any layman addressed before the sheriff must have been the local justice, unless he was the earl.[2] The final clause of some writs reads 'Et nisi feceris, *X* faciat fieri', and in this case the assumption would be that *X* was either the local justice or the sheriff, though the context does not always make it easy to decide which.

The names which have been printed in *italics* are those of officials who are known to have gone over to the empress, or to have been appointed by her. They are almost exactly half of the total (40 out of 82), a striking fact if it is remembered that for the period 1135–54 we have only 87 writs or charters of the empress as opposed to 725 of Stephen. It is clear that Stephen was attempting to administer a far larger area than the empress, but that she had more than her 'fair share' of reputable administrators. It would follow that Stephen must have recruited a large number of new officials during the course of his reign, and it can only be assumed that they were not only 'new men' but also 'unknown'. One is even tempted to think that the reason why so few justices and sheriffs were named in the later writs was that neither the king nor his clerks could remember who they were. The professional touch had been lost.

Legal Development

Among King Stephen's writs it is possible to find precursors of several of the principal types of writ expounded by Glanvill. Those which Professor van Caenegem has particularly noticed are as follows:[3]

Writs *praecipe*, debt and entry: **355**, **692**, **886**;
Writs ordering reseisin before pleading: **527**, **692** (again);
Writs of novel disseisin: **228**, **286**, **354**, **525**, **545**, **620**, **766**, **886** (again);
Writ of naifty: **552**;
Writ *ne vexes*: **134**, **769**, **892**.

None of these precursors was strikingly novel, and all of them have yet earlier precursors in the reigns not only of Henry I but also of William Rufus and William the Conqueror. The one general development which we think we can detect is an increased awareness of the importance of *seisin*. An important aspect of this is the limiting date; for what really mattered, so far as *seisin* was concerned, was whether a man had lawful possession *at or after a stated time*. In this connexion we think it important that Stephen gave Miles of Gloucester exemption from pleas concerning those lands which he held on the day when King Henry I was alive and dead (**386**), for by refusing to entertain questions as to how the lands had been obtained, Stephen was effectively protecting *seisin*. Cf. **416**, **892–4**, and **991**. The principle became important in Henry II's reign, when it seems to have been used deliberately to impose a *status quo* on landholders at large.

An important point to remember about legal developments is that they were not always popular. King Henry I may have been a 'lion of justice' and a great lawyer, but his reforms

[1] For a detailed discussion of the earldoms see R. H. C. Davis, *King Stephen*, App. i.
[2] H. A. Cronne, in *Univ. of Birmingham Hist. Journ.* vi (1958), 24–25.
[3] R. C. van Caenegem, *Royal Writs in England from the Conquest to Glanvill* (Selden Soc. 77; 1958–9), 403–12. We are not entirely happy about some of Professor van Caenegem's classifications, but are reserving a full discussion of them for our essay on 'diplomatic' which will be printed as the Introduction to our volume of facsimiles.

were not always disinterested. A striking passage in the *Leges Henrici Primi*, an unofficial tract written apparently by one of the king's own justices, runs as follows:

> Law varies through the shires as the avarice and sinister and odious activity of legal experts add more grievous means of injury to established legal process. There is so much perversity and so much affluence of evil, that the certain truth of the law and the remedy established by certain provision can rarely be found, but to the great confusion of all, a new way of pleading is expected and a new and fraudulent way of doing injury discovered. . . . Legal process is involved in so many and great anxieties and deceits, that men avoid these actions and the uncertain dice of pleas.[1]

By 'certainty' the writer probably meant what was customary—for custom was held to be unchangeable—and custom is certainly exalted in two of the lawsuits of Stephen's reign, of which we have detailed accounts.

The first of these, a case between the Abbot of Battle and the Archbishop of Canterbury, is related in the chronicle of Battle Abbey.[2] It occurred at some date between 1139 and 1154 and concerned a ship of the archbishop's which had been blown on to Dunge Marsh, where the abbot's men, claiming the 'royal dignities' of the abbey's Liberty, had seized it as a wreck. The archbishop took the matter to the king's court and pleaded the ordinance of Henry I that no right of wreck could be claimed if one member of the ship's crew survived. The abbot relied on the old law that the survivors must save the ship within a limited time, and pleaded that 'though King Henry was able to change the ancient laws of the country at his pleasure during his lifetime, he could not bind posterity to such a change without the consent of the barons of the realm'. This view was upheld by the barons of the king's court, even though (according to the chronicler) the king would have liked to favour the archbishop. The case was remitted to the abbot's court at Dunge Marsh—for though wreck was a plea of the crown, the abbey had regalian rights in its Liberty—and when the archbishop failed to answer the abbot's summons, he was non-suited.

A similar victory for custom, with a similar reinforcement of an ancient Liberty, is recorded in one of the registers of St. Edmund's Abbey.[3] The narrative is well known because of its description of a meeting of the joint shire court of Norfolk and Suffolk, which was held in the bishop's garden at Norwich under the presidency of the king's steward, William Martel; but the point which we would emphasize is the way in which it shows how the Abbot of St. Edmund's succeeded in claiming that even a case of treason came within the jurisdiction of his Liberty. What happened was that two of the abbot's vassals were accused of having plotted to betray the king when they were serving in his army against Bedford. The abbot immediately claimed the case for his own court, and persuaded the shire court to adjourn so that he could seek out the king and show him the charters of his Liberty. The king, not feeling sufficiently confident to decide whether the charters covered treason or not, instructed the shire court to decide the point for him. It did so, and declared in favour of St. Edmund's Liberty. But what convinced it was not the recitation of the charters, which left it in two minds, but the oral evidence of an old man (Hervey de Glanvill) who claimed to have attended the court's meetings for the previous fifty years, and declared its custom in no uncertain terms. It was a remarkable victory for the old ways and for localism.[4]

[1] Leges Henrici Primi 6, 3–6, 6 (F. Liebermann, *Die Gesetze der Angelsachsen* (Halle, 1898), i. 552–3). Cf. Liebermann, *Ueber das englische Rechtsbuch Leges Henrici* (Halle, 1901).

[2] *Chronica Monasterii de Bello* (Anglia Christiana Soc., 1846), 65–67; also in Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, 143.

[3] Printed in *E.H.R.* xxxix (1924), 568–71, and in *The Pinchbeck Register*, ed. Lord Francis Hervey (Oxford, 1925), ii. 297–8. The case cannot have been heard earlier than 1149, since among those present at the court were Ording Abbot of St. Edmunds (1138–9 and 1148–56), Daniel Abbot of St. Benet's Holme (1141–3 and 1149–53), and William Bishop of Norwich (1146–74). The treasonable conversations are said to have occurred the year before, when the king was attacking Bedford; and as Stephen is known to have been engaged against Bedford in 1149 (*G.S.* 146), the year of the lawsuit was probably 1150.

[4] The abbot's victory was also a victory for local solidarity. The two vassals accused of treason, Robert

In this connexion we should also mention the extremely liberal terms in which the Liberty of Reading Abbey is defined in **675**—though in this case most of the terms are borrowed from an alleged charter of Henry I—and the various grants of private hundreds. Barstable and Becontree hundreds (Essex) were given to Barking Abbey (**34–36**), Winstree (Ess.) to S. Ouen of Rouen,[1] Forehoe and Taverham (Norf.) to William de Chesney (**177**), Flegg and Happing (Norf.) to St. Benet's Holme (**402–3**), Colyton (Devon) to Exeter Cathedral (**285**), Bexley (Kent) to Chichester Cathedral (**183**), Stow (Suff.) and Harlow (Essex) to St. Edmund's Abbey (**758–9** and **761**), Witham (Essex) to the Templars, and Whorlwelldown (Hants) to Romsey Abbey for 40 shillings a year (**722–3**). Except in this last case, which may have been a transfer from the abbey of Wherwell, all these grants were most probably made after 1139. Three of the hundreds concerned, Harlow, Witham, and Forehoe had been in private hands before the Norman Conquest.[2] The double-hundred of Tendring (Essex) which belonged to St. John's Abbey at Colchester was made free of forest pleas and assarts at the end of Stephen's reign (**239**, **239a**).

An interesting case of a legal decision reversed is provided by the church of Wolverhampton, which was claimed both by the Bishop of Lichfield (or Chester) and by the cathedral priory of Worcester. Stephen awarded it first to one, and then to the other, eventually admitting that he had acted unadvisedly (*inconsulte*) in the first instance,but claiming that he had subsequently discovered the truth after diligent inquiry (**969**, **452–3**, **962**).

Guarantors or 'hostages' for the terms of charters or agreements are mentioned in **275** and **634**, and are also found in the treaties between the Earls of Gloucester and Hereford, and Chester and Leicester.[3] There was clearly no firm rule as to what the liability of the 'hostages' was. It cannot always be assumed that they would necessarily lose their lives or their liberty, if the lord for whom they were acting broke his oath. The Bishop of Lincoln, who was 'hostage' for the treaty between the Earls of Chester and Leicester, merely guaranteed to 'do justice as if for broken faith' on either party who violated the treaty. In the treaty between William Earl of Gloucester and Roger Earl of Hereford the 'hostages' were merely to withdraw their services, if necessary, from their overlord. The obligation of a *fidejussor* was different; according to **491–2**, he was to give alternative property of equivalent value, if the party for whom he was acting failed to fulfil his part of the bargain.

Other Matters

There are several references to knight-service in the charters. In **244** 'knight-service' is done by a citizen of London by means of regular money-payments. In **306** half a knight's fee is equated with £10-worth of land. In **310** land is granted for the service of one knight or, if the tenants prefer it, 100 shillings a year. In **274–6** and **312** it is most likely that the knight service was physical rather than financial, as also in the case of **465** and **757** where duties of castle-guard were transferred from royal to private castles. Interesting cases of subinfeudation occur in **224–5**, **390**, **394**, **413–14**, and **470**.

The chroniclers leave little doubt that a considerable part of Stephen's forces were mercenary, and it is often wondered how he paid for them. It is known that he took over a well-filled treasury from Henry I, and that he was a wealthy landowner in his own right, and it must be assumed that he taxed the counties and towns under his control in the usual

fitz Gilbert and Adam de Horringer, were alleged to have conspired with two of the king's enemies, Ralph of Hawstead and Roger his brother, who were also St. Edmund's vassals. The end of the affair was that the king came to St. Edmund's and the abbot made peace (*pacificavit*) between him and the accused men.

[1] Charter of Archbishop Theobald, in D. J. A. Matthew, *The Norman Monasteries and their English Possessions* (Oxford, 1962), 150.

[2] H. M. Cam, 'The "Private" Hundred in England before the Norman Conquest', in *Law-finders and Law-makers in Medieval England* (London, 1962), 68–69.

[3] Printed in *Stenton Miscellany*, 144–6, and Sir Frank Stenton, *The First Century of English Feudalism* (2nd ed., Oxford, 1961), 250–6 and 286–8.

way—we know from the Pipe Roll of 1156 that William of Ypres, his chief mercenary captain, drew about £450 a year from the 'farm' of Kent. It is probable that he added considerably to his wealth by plundering captives such as Roger Bishop of Salisbury, but even so it is reasonable to assume that at some periods of his reign he must have been short of money. In the charters we find that **163** suggests that he had been unable to repay a loan of 100 marks which he had borrowed from St. Augustine's Abbey at Canterbury, and **243** shows that his queen borrowed money from Gervase of Cornhill who was a well-known citizen of London. It is quite possible that William Cade, the Christian money-lender who died in 1166, may have made his fortune in Stephen's reign.[1]

The charters give only a little information about coinage. Reading Abbey had (as under Henry I) a moneyer and a mint in London (**675**), the Bishop of Lichfield was granted a die (*cuneus*) for a mint at Lichfield after 1149 (**457**), and the Bishop of Lincoln a die for a mint at Newark in 1153–4 (**489**). St. Edmund's Abbey was granted a second and a third die at uncertain dates (which we should guess to have been after 1141), though it is noticeable that these grants were not confirmed by Henry II (**762–3**). Numismatists have detected seven issues of coin in Stephen's reign, the first, second, and seventh being quite plentiful and good. Examples of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth issue are very rare; those of the fourth and fifth are also of very light weight. The known coins of the empress (of low weight but good metal) are of Stephen's first type but bear obverse legends more or less abbreviated of IMPERATRIX, MATILDIS COMITISSA, and MATILDIS. A large number of coins of irregular type were struck during the reign. They often bear the names of magnates such as Henry Bishop of Winchester, Henry of Scotland Earl of Northumberland (?), Eustace fitz John (?), Robert de Stuteville, and possibly Robert de Beaumont Earl of Leicester and Brien fitz Count. We confess ourselves baffled by those coins of Stephen's issue (and minted at Bristol, Canterbury, Lincoln, London, Stamford, and probably Winchester) which bear the unintelligible obverse inscription ✠ PERERIC or PERERICM in place of the king's title.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMPRESS

The suzerainty of the empress was limited to a comparatively small part of England, her rights in Normandy being taken over completely by her husband Duke Geoffrey (1144–50) and her son Duke Henry (1150–4). In England there were a few weeks in the summer of 1141 when she expected to be crowned queen and anticipated that title (**343** and **699**) but otherwise she styled herself *M. imperatrix regis Henrici filia*, adding after 7 or 8 April 1141 *et Anglorum domina*.[2] Her seal was not a two-faced seal of the English royal type, but single-faced and comparatively small, bearing the legend ✠ MATILDIS DEI GRATIA ROMANORUM REGINA (**115–16**, **392**, **394**, **409**, **628**, **651**, **748**), and the number of charters which she is known to have issued in the period 1135–54 was only 88 as compared with Stephen's 720.

CHANCERY OF THE EMPRESS

In her charter to Aubrey de Vere Earl of Oxford (**634**), which dates from the last week of July 1141, the empress stated that her chancellor was then WILLIAM BROTHER OF JOHN FITZ GILBERT (THE MARSHAL), but that when he gave the office up she would give it to WILLIAM DE VERE, the brother of Earl Aubrey.[3] It is impossible to be sure whether the transfer actually occurred, and if so when, for though we may assume that the 'William the chancellor' who

[1] Hilary Jenkinson, 'A money-lender's bonds of the twelfth century' in *Essays presented to R. L. Poole*, ed. H. W. C. Davis (Oxford, 1927), 191–210.

[2] William of Malmesbury, *Hist. Nov.*, paras. 492–3.

[3] 'Concedo eidem Comiti Alberico cancellariam ad opus Willelmi de Ver fratris sui, ex quo deliberata fuit de Willelmo cancellario fratre Johannis filii Gisleberti qui eam modo habet.'

attests up to July 1141 is William fitz Gilbert (**274**, **377**, **582**), the 'William the chancellor' who attests subsequent charters—even as late as 1150–1 (**88**, **369**, **394**, **647**)—might be either. Since Earl Aubrey had reverted to Stephen at any rate by 1145 (**460**), and the empress's chancellor was still William in 1150–1 (**88**), it is simplest to believe that the transfer never took place and that the empress's only chancellor was WILLIAM FITZ GILBERT. Two of her charters which cannot be dated more closely than 1141–7 were attested, according to a cartulary copy, by 'Willelmo Giff(ard) cancellario' (**792–3**), but this is probably a misreading for 'fil(io) Gisl(eberti)'.

Clerks or Chaplains of the empress

The only two clerks or chaplains who are known to have served the empress in England are GREGORY (**259**) and HERBERT. This latter had a notable career. It is uncertain whether he started in the service of the empress (**20**) or the earl of Gloucester (**368**), but he attested twice for the empress at Devizes (**372** and **839**), and may also be the Herbert the chaplain who attested with the empress in the third week of September 1141 (**498**). He subsequently served the empress in Normandy (**748**), occurring particularly in charters which she gave jointly with her son Henry (**80**, **88**, **836**). In November 1151 he attested a charter of Duke Henry's as chaplain at Bayeux (**810**), and he may therefore be identified with 'Herbert the chaplain of the duke of Normandy' who was promoted Bishop of Avranches in 1153.[1]

Chaplains or clerks who attested for the empress only in France or Normandy were (before 1139) RICHARD the chaplain (**20**) and (from 1148 onwards) the chaplains HUGH (**168**, **825**), LAURENCE (**824–5**), and ROGER (**748**), and the clerk CLAREMBALD (**168**, **432**).

Scribes identified by their handwriting

Bishop has identified the handwriting of **scriptor xiv** in **274**, **392**, and **628**, to which we would add **111**, **394**, and **651**. These show that he worked for the empress *c.* 1141–4. He had previously worked for King Stephen and his career is discussed in detail on pp. xiv–xv. The weakness of the empress's position is demonstrated by the fact that when he left her service for that of Archbishop Theobald she had to rely on non-chancery scribes.

HOUSEHOLD OF THE EMPRESS

Stewards of the empress

ROBERT DE COURCY, who witnessed **275**, **634**, and **651** for the empress as steward in 1141, had been a steward of Henry I but not of Stephen. He attested for Stephen (though not as steward) as late as November 1137 (**827**) but seems to have deserted in 1138, at the same time as Robert Earl of Gloucester, since he attested **805** for the empress before 1139. There seems no doubt that the Courcy family claimed a hereditary stewardship, but the genealogy of the two branches of the family is so confused that it is impossible to be sure of the details.

GEOFFREY DE MANDEVILLE EARL OF ESSEX was granted 'all the land of Eudo *dapifer* in Normandy and his stewardship' by the empress in the last week of July 1141. She specifically stated that she was restoring it to him 'as his right, so that he might have it and hold it hereditarily' (**275**). Eudo *dapifer* had died before 1130, but there is nothing to suggest that Geoffrey de Mandeville had been a steward for Henry I. If his claim to be Eudo's heir was justified, Henry I might still not have considered the stewardship hereditary. In any case it did not continue in the Mandeville family after Geoffrey's death (16 September 1144).

[1] Robert de Torigni in *Chronicles* (R.S.), iv. 176. Note also that he was styled *magister* in **80** and **88**. It would be interesting to see if he could be identified with the Herbert who was precentor of Bayeux in 1146 (**58**), for the Dean of Bayeux was Duke Geoffrey's chancellor.

HUMPHREY DE BOHUN, as already stated (p. xviii) had been a steward of Stephen's, but deserted to the empress in 1139. Early in 1144 the empress confirmed him in his 'stewardship in England and Normandy' as he had held it in the time of King Henry I (**111**). The empress's son associated himself with her in the charter, and when he became King Henry II, Humphrey de Bohun remained a royal steward.

REGINALD DE S. VALÉRY attested two charters for the empress and her son as steward, one (**71**) in 1150–1 and the other (**72**) in 1151–3. He does not appear as a steward in Henry II's reign. It is possible that he was using the title in the manner of Anjou as the chief officer of State,[1] and that this was the time when he was 'justiciar of the whole of Normandy'.[2]

Butlers of the empress

Neither of Stephen's butlers (*pincerne*) went over to the empress, and the only butler recorded in her charters is SIMON (*c.* 1150–1), though it is possible that he was Duke Henry's, since the charter was issued jointly by the empress and her son (**88**).

Chamberlains of the empress

All Stephen's chamberlains went over to the empress, at any rate for a time. WILLIAM DE PONT DE L'ARCHE had gone over to her by April 1141 (**698**) and witnessed two more charters for her as chamberlain, the latest of them being in or after August 1144 (**116, 277**). When AUBREY DE VERE II went over to her he was made Earl of Oxford (July 1141) and given 'the chamberlainship of England and Normandy' as his father Aubrey de Vere I, Robert Malet, or any of his ancestors had held it (**634–5**). He had returned to Stephen's allegiance by January 1145, but it is not known whether Stephen allowed him to remain chamberlain, though the office remained hereditary in his family. WILLIAM MAUDUIT was described by the empress as her chamberlain in May 1141 (**581**), and similarly by Duke Henry as his in 1153 when he confirmed him and his heirs in the 'ministry' of his chamber together with the chamberlainship of his treasury (**582**). RABEL DE TANCARVILLE, who is known to have been Henry I's chief chamberlain in Normandy, was opposed to Stephen from the beginning of the reign but does not figure in any of the empress's charters. This is presumably because he remained in Normandy and died in 1140 before the Angevins had won control of the duchy.

Treasurer and Treasury of the empress

We have no information about the treasury or treasurers of the empress. In 1141 she addressed a well-known writ to the barons of the exchequer instructing them to credit the sheriff and reeve of Oxford with 5*s.* 5¾*d.* per annum, which she had given to the canons of Oseney (**628**). This is the earliest known example of a writ *computate.* As a standing order, or *breve currens*, it was preserved by the beneficiary, but it cannot be used as evidence for either the functioning or the non-functioning of the exchequer under the empress.

Constables of the empress

Three of Stephen's constables went over to the empress, BRIEN FITZ COUNT and MILES OF GLOUCESTER in 1139, and ROBERT D'OILLI in 1141. It must be presumed that all of them retained their office, though it is only in the case of Miles of Gloucester that there is documentary evidence (**581, 698–700**). In July 1141 she made a fourth constable by granting to WILLIAM DE BEAUCHAMP the constableship and dispencership which Urse d'Abetot and William's father, Walter de Beauchamp, had held from Henry I. As has already been explained (p. xx) this was probably recognition of a hereditary right which both in his later years Henry I, and subsequently Stephen, had denied. Robert d'Oilli died in September

[1] L. W. Vernon Harcourt, *His Grace the Steward* (London, 1907), 35.
[2] Léopold Delisle, *Recueil des Actes de Henri II: Introduction* (Paris, 1909), 421.

1142, and it may have been in succession to him that WILLIAM [PEVEREL] OF DOVER became a constable; he witnessed for the empress in that capacity in 1144 (**111**).

Marshals of the empress

JOHN FITZ GILBERT who had been marshal to both Henry I and Stephen, went over to the empress in 1139. As marshal he witnessed four charters for her (**316a**, **393**, **581**, **699**).

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMPRESS

A complete list of the officials whom the empress had, at one time or another, at her disposal is given with that of the king's officials on pp. xxiv–v, but the fact that few counties, if any, were under her control as complete units, must have made any orderly administration difficult, and probably forced her military commanders (especially her earls) to extemporize as best they could. When writing of Somerset and Dorset in 1143 the *Gesta Stephani* refers to the government, not of the empress, but of the earl of Gloucester. And almost all the writs which the empress addressed to the officials of counties can be dated to the few months in 1141 when she thought she was as good as queen.

County	*Individual officials named*	*Charters*
Hants	Henry Bishop of Winchester, William de Pont de l'Arche the chamberlain and all Hants and the citizens of Winchester (Mar.–Apr. 1141)	**897**
Heref.	Robert Bishop of Hereford and Miles of Gloucester (Apr.–July 1141)	**701**
London	Osbert Eightpence [justice of London] (Feb.–June 1141)	**529**
Oxon.	Bishop of Lincoln, Robert d'Oilli, John de St. John and the sheriff (1141)	**644**
,,	Robert d'Oilli, and the sheriff, and Henry de St. Peter [reeve of Oxford?] and the citizens of Oxford (1141–2)	**647**
Salop	William fitz Alan (1141–3)	**378**
,,	William fitz Alan and his brother Walter (*c.* 1148)	**461**
Somerset	Bishop of Bath, Earl William of Somerset, and the sheriff (1141–2)	**190**
Warwicks.	Roger Earl of Warwick (Mar. 1141)	**597**
Wilts.	John (fitz Gilbert) the marshal, and the sheriff and men of Marlborough (Feb.–Apr. 1141)	**700**
,,	John fitz Gilbert and William of Salisbury (summer 1141)	**791**

Of other officials we may note Ralph Chesney (*de Querceto*) and his forest officials of Shotover in 1141 (**854**), and William Boterel the constable of Wallingford and Ansfrid fitz Ruald his steward in 1150–1 (**88**). These last were presumably officials of Brien fitz Count who would have been carrying on after his death.

THE GOVERNMENT OF DUKES GEOFFREY AND HENRY IN NORMANDY (1144–54)

Geoffrey Count of Anjou, and husband of the Empress Matilda, conquered Normandy in 1141–4 while his wife was in England. He was invested as duke on 23 April 1144 and ruled the duchy, not as the consort of his wife but in his own right, until 1150. Early in 1150 he handed over the duchy to his eldest son Henry, who was then in his seventeenth year. Besides ensuring a peaceful succession, this transfer was made to accord with the principle of hereditary succession, as if Geoffrey had merely held the duchy as Henry's guardian during his minority. When the kings of France had their sons crowned in their lifetime, both father and son enjoyed the title of king simultaneously, but in the case of Duke Geoffrey and Normandy it was different. For the last eighteenth months of his life Geoffrey dropped the title of duke and styled himself simply Count of Anjou, as in **806**, though it is

evident that he still played a lively part in the affairs of the duchy, thus ensuring continuity in its administration.

The feature which most obviously distinguishes the charters of Dukes Geoffrey and Henry from those of King Henry I and Stephen is that they are partly Angevin. In the eyes of Dukes Geoffrey and Henry, Normandy was only a part of their continental possessions, and in the case of Geoffrey certainly, and of Henry probably, it was Anjou which was 'home'—Duke Geoffrey was buried at Le Mans and Henry at Fontevrault. Charters concerning Normandy might be issued in Anjou and vice-versa; Duke Geoffrey's Angevin chancellor might attest Norman charters in Normandy; and the steward of Anjou, Jocelin of Tours, remained a prominent figure in Geoffrey's entourage when he was in Normandy. In spite of these obvious marks of Angevin influence, it is clear that both Duke Geoffrey and Duke Henry endeavoured to keep their local officials Norman in Normandy and Angevin in Anjou; John of Marmoutier alleges that on his death-bed Duke Geoffrey forbade Henry to impose the customs of England and Normandy on Anjou or vice versa.[1]

THE DUCAL CHANCERY

In spite of his good intentions, Duke Geoffrey did not succeed in keeping his Angevin and Norman chanceries completely distinct. Throughout the period 1144–51 he had two chancellors, THOMAS OF LOCHES for Anjou, and RICHARD DE BOHUN for Normandy, but there were at least five occasions when Richard was absent from his court in Normandy and Thomas took his place (**283**, **578**, **595–6**, **732**).[2]

THOMAS OF LOCHES attested as chaplain or chancellor of the Count of Anjou as early as 1133, and in addition to his official duties he was an historian, being the author of the first recension of the *Gesta Consulum Andegavorum*. He appears most frequently as a witness of the Angevin charters of the Count of Anjou, but as stated above he also witnessed five Norman charters in Normandy as chancellor. He continued to serve Geoffrey until his death (7 September 1151), after which he retired to Notre-Dame de Loches, of which he had been prior since 1130, and where he died in 1168.[3]

RICHARD DE BOHUN, the nephew of Engelger and Alexander de Bohun, and the brother (probably) of Jocelin de Bohun Bishop of Salisbury, had been Dean of Bayeux since 1133 at least. Like Haskins before us, we are convinced that he was the chancellor for Normandy throughout Duke Geoffrey's reign, and also under Duke Henry until December 1151 when he was promoted to the bishopric of Coutances. According to information laid before Pope Eugenius III, Richard had purchased the chancellorship from Duke Geoffrey by means of a loan (still not repaid in 1152) on the security of the revenues of his deanery.[4] He attested only in Normandy and for Anglo-Norman beneficiaries, but as already noted he did not witness *all* the Norman charters of Duke Henry, his place being taken on five occasions by the Angevin chancellor, Thomas of Loches. On the one occasion when Richard and Thomas attested together, on 27 March 1149 at Le Bec (**77**), Richard was styled chancellor and Thomas merely 'chaplain'. Richard also attested as chancellor important charters granted by the empress or her son in Normandy (**461**, **735**). In spite of arguments to the contrary, we think that he remained chancellor of Normandy without a break until December 1151.[5] It is clear, however, that Dukes Geoffrey and Henry both circumvented him whenever possible, the one by

[1] 'Historia Gaufredi Ducis' in *Chroniques des Comtes d'Anjou*, ed. L. Halphen and R. Poupardin (Paris, 1913), 224.

[2] C. H. Haskins, *Norman Institutions* (Harvard, 1918), 136–7.

[3] L. Halphen and R. Poupardin, *Chroniques des Comtes d'Anjou*, xxvii–xxx.

[4] *Antiquus Cartularius Ecclesiae Baiocensis*, ed. V. Bourrienne (Soc. de l'hist. de Normandie, 1902), i. 231.

[5] Z. N. and C. N. L. Brooke argued in *E.H.R.* lxi (1946), 88–89, that Duke Henry did not employ Richard and William as chancellors simultaneously. In their view, Henry appointed William as his chancellor as soon as he became duke, but when his father died (7 Sept. 1151) felt obliged to displace William in favour of his father's chancellor Richard until he could get rid of this latter by appointing him to the see of Coutances

using his Angevin chancellor, the other his mother's, or English, chancellor. The simplest explanation of this phenomenon is that Richard had made himself unpopular. Since Geoffrey had sold him his office he could not dismiss him without due cause; but when Geoffrey died (7 September 1151), Henry lost little time in getting rid of Richard by promoting him to the see of Coutances (December 1151).[1]

WILLIAM was never the chancellor of Duke Geoffrey but, as already mentioned, attested for Duke Henry from 1150 until his coronation as king in 1154. Until Richard de Bohun was promoted to the see of Coutances, we think that he and William were employed simultaneously, the explanation (in our view) being that while Richard de Bohun was the chancellor of Henry's father, William was the chancellor of his mother. There is no distinction between Henry's Norman and English charters of the sort that can be drawn between Duke Geoffrey's Norman and Angevin charters; otherwise we should have been tempted to call William the 'English' chancellor.

As already explained (p. xxx), we think that William the chancellor is probably to be identified as William fitz Gilbert, brother of John the marshal, rather than William de Vere. He attested eight charters for Duke Henry before September 1151 (**88**, **299**, **705–8**, **731**, **836**), one between September 1151 and December 1152 (**600**), and six during the English expedition of 1153–4 (**180**, **193**, **239 f.**, **582**, **840**, **901**). There is no attestation by him or any other chancellor during the period between Henry's return from England to Normandy (4 April 1154) and accession to the throne. As king his first chancellor was Thomas Becket, who was apparently appointed early in 1155.

Chaplains and Clerks

THOMAS OF LOCHES, Duke Geoffrey's Angevin chancellor sometimes attested his charters as a mere chaplain (**19**, **77**). On one of these occasions the reason was apparently that he was in Normandy and in the presence of the Norman chancellor (**77**), but on the other (**19**) the use of the term 'chaplain' seems no more than a casual alternative to 'chancellor'. Other examples could be produced from the purely Angevin charters of Geoffrey of Anjou, e.g. a charter for Le Mans Cathedral of January 1133 'datum per manum Thome capellani atque notarii nostri'[2]. The empress also refers to him at a date when he was certainly chancellor as 'Thomas capellanus comitis Andegavorum' (**168**). His latest attestation is for Duke Henry between September 1151 and March 1152 at Baugé in Anjou (**323**).

BURGERICUS the notary of Duke Geoffrey occurs in two charters of 1146 (**1001**, **1005**). Though the first of these was given in Normandy, there can be little doubt that Burgericus was an Angevin.

HERBERT attested **810** as chaplain of Duke Henry. He had previously served the empress and was eventually made Bishop of Avranches in 1153 (see p. xxx).

MAURICE attested **601** at Rouen as chaplain, **329** at Tours as 'Mauricio cancellarii mei clerico', and **810** at Bayeux as 'Mauricio de sigillo'. All three charters belong to the period between September 1151 and January 1153.

RANULPH who witnessed **795** for Henry on 13 April 1149 was a clerk who seems to have been temporarily in his service at this date.

WILLIAM DE WATERVILLE who was promoted Abbot of Peterborough in January 1155 is said by Hugh Candidus to have been a clerk of Duke Henry's at some date in the past, but he does not figure in any charters.[3]

(Dec. 1151). The difficulty about this theory is its presupposition that during the period 1150–1 Richard continued to act as chancellor for Geoffrey after he had resigned Normandy. There is no evidence to support such a supposition. On the contrary since Richard had served Geoffrey as chancellor only in Normandy, we should have expected him to transfer his services to the new duke; and in fact his only attestation as chancellor in this period is for Duke Henry (**80**).

[1] Robert de Torigni, in *Chronicles*, iv. 163.

[2] Le Mans, Bibl. mun., MS. 159, f. 21.

[3] *The Chronicle of Hugh Candidus*, ed. W. T. Mellows (Oxford, 1949), 126.

Ducal Scribes identified by their handwriting

Scriptor xxiii has been identified by T. A. M. Bishop as the writer of **104**, **180**, **339**, **379**, and **459**, all of which were given by Duke Henry in England in the first seven months of 1153. The only subsequent charter which Bishop has identified as being in his hand is a charter of Henry d'Oilli, which probably dates from 1157 and was given at the royal headquarters in Wales, the implication of the text being that the scribe was 'magister Radulfus clericus domini regis'.[1]

Scriptor xxiv has been identified by Bishop as the writer of both originals of **495**, and of **305**, and **900**, all of which date from April–November 1154, three of them being given in Normandy and one at Le Mans. The scribe subsequently wrote eight royal charters for Henry as king in England.

THE DUCAL HOUSEHOLD

Before discussing the personnel of the household, a warning must be given about a fresh source of confusion, the meaning of the terms *dapifer* and *senescallus* in Anjou. The two words are synonymous and are translated as 'steward', but they do not always refer to household officials, because in Anjou the chief administrative official of a province was called *dapifer*, *senescallus*, *justicia*, or *capitalis justicia*. Delisle was able to draw up a considerable list of the 'stewards' of the provinces of the Angevin empire under King Henry II,[2] and in our own collection of charters we may notice Jocelin of Tours who was 'steward' of Anjou until *c.* 1168 (**1005**), Burgundius 'steward' of Le Mans, and Hugh de Clères 'steward' of La Flèche (**1006**). Jocelin of Tours may have been in a very special position since he is described in **1006** as 'impense mee administratore', but he seems none the less to have had a territorial responsibility for the province of Anjou. When we find the Norman stewards being ranked also as justices, we may suspect that they also were developing into provincial governors; and we find some significance in the simultaneous appearance of the new administrative districts called bailiwicks which will be discussed under Local Administration.

So far as the personnel is concerned, a sharp contrast can be drawn between the households of Duke Geoffrey and Duke Henry. In the first place much less is known about Duke Geoffrey's household than Duke Henry's, and though this is partly due to the fact that we have only 49 of Duke Geoffrey's charters as opposed to 121 of Duke Henry's, the suspicion remains that Geoffrey may have been impatient of the officers of his Norman household, and have preferred to work with the household of Anjou, which he had known all his life. In the second place, the Normans whom Geoffrey did employ were of a different type from those who were favoured by his son. His most frequent witnesses were men of good family—Robert de Neufbourg (who was a Beaumont), Alexander de Bohun, and Richard the chancellor (who was also a Bohun). Henry preferred 'new men', his most frequent witnesses being Manasser Bisset the steward, Warin fitz Gerold the chamberlain, Richard du Hommet the constable, and William fitz Hamo.

Duke Geoffrey's Household

(*a*) *Stewaras*

REGINALD DE ST. VALÉRY attested **304** as *dapifer* and **665** as *dapifer Normannie*, and in the addresses of **53** and **57** he was ranked as a justice. It would therefore seem that his responsibility was in some respects territorial, particularly since under King Henry II he was 'justiciar of the whole of Normandy' (*justiciarius totius Normannie*).[3] He was one of Duke

[1] Bishop, *Scriptores Regis*, pl. xxiii, and Warner and Ellis, *Facsimiles of . . . Charters in the British Museum* (London, 1903), no. 44.

[2] Delisle, *Introduction*, 220.

[3] Delisle, *Introduction*, 421.

Geoffrey's earliest supporters, and his English lands were declared forfeit by King Stephen, who gave them to John de St. John.[1] He eventually recovered them, but a charter of Duke Henry's (**329**) given in 1151–2 mentions that in the meantime he had been compensated with the revenues of the port of Dieppe, which he was to hold until he recovered his hereditary right in England. In four attestations of Duke Geoffrey's charters he is styled neither steward nor justiciar (**17**, **53**, **57**, **381**), but there is probably no significance in the omission. He died in 1166.

ROBERT DE NEUFBOURG, brother of the Earl of Warwick and cousin of Waleran of Meulan, was probably a steward, as Haskins suggested;[2] but though he was the most frequent of Duke Geoffrey's Norman witnesses, attesting thirteen times, he was never specifically named as steward (**53**, **56–57**, **59**, **77**, **245**, **304**, **599**, **730**, **734**, **747**, **780**, and **781**). He had precedence over Robert de Courcy who is known to have been a steward, was certainly one of Duke Geoffrey's justices, and held the position of chief steward and governor of Normandy at the beginning of Henry II's reign. He died in 1159.

ROBERT DE COURCY is mentioned as steward and justice in **57**, and also as a justice in **55–56**. He had previously been the steward second in rank to Robert de la Haie in Henry I's court in Normandy,[3] and he also served both the empress and Duke Henry as steward in England (p. xxx and below).

(*b*) *Other Officers*

The only other Norman, as opposed to Angevin, household official to be named in the charters was HENRY THE MARSHAL (**381**), and even in his case it must be doubted whether his sphere of duty was really in the household. He was responsible for *haute justice* in the suburb of Rouen and Cailly.

Duke Henry's Household

(*a*) *Stewards*

MANASSER BISSET was the principal steward of Duke Henry's household. He attested as many as 33 of his charters, both in Normandy and in England whither he accompanied Henry both in 1149 (**795**) and in 1153–4. His only attestation for Henry in his Angevin or Aquitanian territories was at Château-du-Loir (**811**). He seems to have been a 'new man' from the Pays de Caux and was probably a vassal of Earl Walter Giffard of Longueville. He married Alice de Cany, sister and heiress of Gilbert de Falaise, and was granted lands by King Henry II in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.[4] He died in 1177.

ROBERT DE COURCY has already been discussed as one of the stewards of the Empress Matilda and Duke Geoffrey. He attested **180** for Duke Henry in England.

RICHARD DE LA HAIE occurs as steward in **66** and **653**, and was also a justice (**54**, **56**, **66**). His father, Robert de la Haie, had been Henry I's chief steward in Normandy.[5] Richard and his brother Ralph defended the Cotentin for King Stephen against the Angevins in 1142, but whereas Ralph returned to England, Richard was captured by Duke Geoffrey and forced to come to terms with him.[6]

HUMPHREY DE BOHUN who, as already noticed, had served both King Stephen and the

[1] *Monast.* v. 425. [2] Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, 147; cf. Delisle, *Introduction*, 445–7.
[3] Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, 99.
[4] Lewis C. Loyd, *The Origins of Some Anglo-Norman Families* (Harleian Soc. 103 (1951)), 15; I. J. Sanders, *English Baronies* (Oxford, 1960), 5. [5] Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, 99.
[6] John of Marmoutier in his 'Historia Gaufredi Ducis' (*Chroniques des Comtes d'Anjou*, ed. Halphen and Poupardin, 229) gets the two brothers muddled up, alleging that it was Ralph who was captured, and Richard who defended Cherbourg and then returned to England on a hopeless quest for reinforcements. The charter evidence proves that it was Richard who went over to the Angevins (**54**, **56**, **65–66**, **325–6**, **595**, **653**, **729**, **836**) and Ralph who remained loyal to Stephen (**86**, **163**, **482**, **487**, **493**, **594**, **624**, **988**).

empress as steward (pp. xviii, xxxi), also served Duke Henry as chamberlain in England (**180, 193, 902**).

ALEXANDER DE BOHUN, who was of the Norman branch of the family, attested **706** as steward at Falaise. It is possible, however, that he was not a steward of the household but a steward in charge of an administrative district. He and his brother Engelger had supported the Angevins from the very beginning of Stephen's reign, and in 1136 Count Geoffrey (as he then was) had put them in charge of Argentan and Domfront. Alexander seems to have died in 1153.[1]

ROBERT DE NEUFBOURG attested eight charters for Duke Henry in Normandy, and may well have been a steward, though (as explained on p. xxxvi) he never used the title. It is quite possible that he was responsible for the government of Normandy during Duke Henry's absences in England, exercising the functions of the later stewards of Normandy who combined the duties of 'inspector-general and chief-justice in one person'.[2]

(*b*) *Chamberlains*

Duke Henry's chief chamberlain was WARIN FITZ GEROLD who attested thirty of his charters, his earliest appearance being in 1147 (**735**). From 1150 onwards he was a regular member of Henry's entourage in both England and Normandy, but he does not figure in charters given in Anjou or Aquitaine. He seems to have died soon after 1158.

OSBERT or OSBERN witnessed for Henry both before and after he was duke (**18, 80**). AIANRARD occurs once only, in a charter given by Henry at Argentan before he was duke (**18**).

WILLIAM MAUDUIT was described as *camerario meo* in the charter in which Duke Henry confirmed him in the 'ministry of the chamber' and the chamberlainship of the treasury (**582**). He had previously received a grant from the empress as chamberlain (**581**), but he is not found as a witness in any charter of Duke Henry, Duke Geoffrey, or the empress. It must be presumed that he stayed quietly on his English lands through most of the civil war. He died before Februry 1158.

Although Aubrey de Vere Earl of Oxford received a confirmation of the empress's grant of the chamberlainship of England and Normandy in 1141 (**635**), he had reverted to King Stephen by 1145 and presumably forfeited his office so far as the Angevins were concerned. He is not found in Duke Henry's service at all, and cannot be reckoned as one of his chamberlains.

(*c*) *Treasurer*

Henry son of Robert fitz Harding served Duke Henry as treasurer in England in 1153, and witnessed **128, 310**, and **999**. He was subsequently Archdeacon of Exeter and died in 1188.

(*d*) *Constables*

Duke Henry's chief constable was RICHARD DU HOMMET. His earliest appearance is in Earl Robert of Gloucester's composition with the Bishop of Bayeux which was made at Devizes in 1146, but then he was not constable but simply one of the bishop's witnesses (**58**). He does not seem to have witnessed for Henry before he was Count of Anjou (7 September 1151), but after that he seems to have been a regular member of his entourage in England, Normandy, and Aquitaine. He witnessed twenty-eight of Duke Henry's charters but none of Duke Geoffrey's. He was a vassal of the Bishop of Bayeux (**60**) and came from Le Hommet near Saint-Lo.[3] He died in 1188. At the siege of Stamford (31 Aug. 1153) he is found with two other constables, WALTER OF HEREFORD and WALTER ODELL (**492**). Another constable was HUMPHREY FITZ ODO who witnessed **666** for Duke Henry, and **71** for the empress in Rouen in 1150–1.

[1] John of Marmoutier in his 'Historia Gaufredi Ducis' (*Chroniques des Comtes d'Anjou*, ed. Halphen and Poupardin, 225). [2] F. M. Powicke, *The Loss of Normandy* (2nd ed., Manchester, 1961), 51.
[3] Loyd, *Origins of Some Anglo-Norman Families*, 52.

SALDEBROLIUS who appears in **783** was the constable of Aquitaine and does not concern us in the present context.[1]

(*e*) *Marshals*

JOHN FITZ GILBERT who had been marshal to both King Stephen and the Empress Matilda, witnessed as marshal the composition between Duke Henry and the Bishop of Salisbury at Stockbridge in 1153 (**796**). He occurs in four other charters of Duke Henry's in which he is not styled marshal (**180**, **704**, **795**, **902**), but there is no serious reason for thinking that he did not hold the office continuously.

More mysterious are the attestations of W. the marshal in 1150–1 at Falaise (**299**), of HERVEY the marshal in June 1153 at Leicester (**104**), and of ROBERT the marshal in January 1154 at Dunstable (**130**).

JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION IN NORMANDY UNDER DUKES GEOFFREY AND HENRY (1144–54)

The information which the charters give about the administration of Normandy is only fragmentary. It seems clear however that the Archbishop of Rouen played a larger part in the administration of the duchy than was played by the Archbishop of Canterbury in England. Although he had been a firm supporter of King Stephen and had continued to recognize him until Rouen had fallen to the Angevins, he seems to have been regarded with respect by Dukes Geoffrey and Henry who addressed some 20 charters or writs to him by name, generally as the supreme representative of the whole of Normandy.

Most of our information about the administration of justice comes from the archives of Bayeux Cathedral whose bishops had been unable to exercise their rightful authority over their lands since the death of Bishop Richard fitz Samson in 1134, if not from that of Bishop Odo in 1097. As is well known, Duke Geoffrey instructed his justices to make use of juries in order to discover what were the proper lands, rights, and liberties of the see. The importance of these juries for the development of the sworn inquest in England has been fully discussed by Haskins,[2] but it should also be noticed that the writs concerning the Bayeux inquests are also the main source of information for the names of the men whom Duke Geoffrey employed as justices (**53–57**). They were REGINALD DE ST. VALÉRY, ROBERT DE NEUFBOURG, ROBERT DE COURCY, GUY DE SABLÉ, ENGELGER DE BOHUN, WILLIAM DE VERNON, WILLIAM LOVEL (**283**), and RICHARD DE LA HAIE.[3] RICHARD DE LA HAIE reappears as a justice under Duke Henry (**66**), who also employed ARNULF BISHOP OF LISIEUX and ROBERT DE MONTFORT in this capacity (**66**, **782**). Others who were probably justices of Henry's are WILLIAM FITZ JOHN (**65**), WALERAN COUNT OF MEULAN, WILLIAM DE HANGEMARA, and ROBERT DE HAUVILLE (**167**).[4] The imposing list of witnesses to a recognition made at Caen in 1154 should probably be regarded as a list of the duke's entourage rather than of his justices (**65**).

In the local government of Normandy a major reform was effected by the Angevin dukes in their development of administrative areas called bailiwicks (*bailie*) which were centred on ducal castles, and controlled by bailiffs whose powers were judicial as well as financial. The previous administrative units, viscounties, and *prévôtés* (*prepositure*) were smaller units devised primarily for the 'farming' of the ducal demesne, and they were not abolished by the Angevins but retained within the framework of the new bailiwicks. By the end of the twelfth century the evidence is sufficient to draw up a complete list of the bailiwicks with

[1] J. Boussard, *Le Gouvernement d'Henri II Plantegenêt* (Paris, 1956), 354.
[2] Haskins, *Norman Institutions*, ch. vi.
[3] Robert de Neufbourg and William de Vernon occur also in **779**.
[4] Five of the thirteen justices listed above—Reginald de St. Valéry, Robert de Neufbourg, Richard de la Haie, Robert de Courcy, and William fitz John—were royal or ducal stewards at some period of their careers.

their constituent viscounties and *prévôtés*.[1] In Duke Geoffrey's reign the evidence is far more meagre, but it is at any rate sufficient to show that some at least of the later bailiwicks were in existence. Guy de Sablé and William Lovel were in charge of the bailiwicks of Verneuil and Nonancourt (**283**), and we may surmise that Reginald de St. Valéry was in charge of Caux, for he was certainly in control of Arques (by which name this bailiwick was also known) and Dieppe (**732**, **329**). In **54** Richard de la Haie is commanded to hold recognitions throughout his bailiwick (*per totam bailiam tuam*), and though we do not know which this was, a further reference in **29** suggests the Bessin or *Ultra Montem Linche*. Under Duke Henry we have references to the bailiwicks of Exmes, the Pays d'Auge (**62**), and Passeis (**813**), and also to the justices of the Bessin (**63**). The reform of the local administration seems to have been proceeding apace.

Apart from the bailiwicks we may notice a reference to the officials of the *prévôté* of Lyons-la-Forêt (**602**), and to Fulk de Alnou and Robert de Neuville as officials of the forest of Argentan (**17**, **18**). Perhaps the most interesting, though most puzzling charter is the grant of the 'plaid de l'épée' (*placitum spate*) to Henry the marshal in the banlieu of Rouen and Cailly (**381**).

DUKE HENRY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ENGLAND

When Duke Henry sailed from England in March 1154, the man whom he empowered to act in his place was Reginald Earl of Cornwall—*qui in hoc et in aliis negotiis meis locum mei tenet in Anglia* (**709**). As Henry was not then king, Reginald did not have the title of 'chief justiciar', but he was obviously very important.

ITINERARIES

The following itineraries have been constructed from the principal chronicles of the reign, to which detailed references are given only in cases of special difficulty or where there has been a conflict of testimony. Some places have been added on the evidence of charters and probability alone, but these are prefixed with question-marks unless the charters concerned are dated precisely. In general the attribution of charters to particular occasions is conjectural; and since our chronological notes to the texts have been deliberately cautious, we have thought it a virtue to show boldness in the itinerary. The notes appended to the text of **255**, for example, explain why it must be ascribed to one of two dates, February 1136 or January–February 1138, but in the itinerary we have taken the plunge and ascribed it to the one which we think slightly more likely.

ITINERARY OF KING STEPHEN

1135	1 Dec.	[Henry I dies at Lyons-la-Forêt]
	1 Dec.	Wissant
		Dover
		Canterbury
		London, **270**
		Winchester
	22–26 Dec.	Westminster (coronation and council), **45**, **500**
1136	4 Jan.	Reading (burial of Henry I), **187**, **386–7**, **591**, **678**
	6 Jan.	Oxford, **382**
		? Cambridge, **882**
		? Nottingham, **107**, **133**, **433**, **714**

[1] F. M. Powicke, *The Loss of Normandy* (2nd ed.), 68–78.

1136 (*cont.*)	5–20 Feb.	Durham, **255–7**, **465**, **832**, **906–7**
		York, **99**, **335**, **373a**, **716–17**, **904–5**, **919**, **942**, **979**
		? Dunstable, **585**
	22 Mar.	Westminster, **46**, **341**, **451**, **521**, **944**
	Before 26 Apr.	Oxford, **31**, **142**, **271**, **469–70**, **616**, **685–6**, **784**
		? Bury St. Edmunds, **287**, **777**
	c. 29 Apr.	Norwich
		? Clarendon, **32**
	c. 10 May	Salisbury
		? Gillingham (Dorset), **434**, **800**, **818**, **953**
		Bampton (Devon)
		? Hittisleigh (Devon), **340**
		Exeter (3 months' siege), **337**, **572**, **592**, **952**; (?) **284**
		Southampton
		? Winchester, **204**, **576**, **949**
		? Westminster, **39**
		? Dunstable, **585**
		Brampton (Hunts.)
		? London, **40**
		Westminster, **166**, **506**, **878–81**, **925–6**, **945–8**
1137		? Hastings, **50**
	Mar.	? Fareham, **143**, **389**, **684**
	14–20 Mar.	La Hogue
		Bayeux, **594**[1]
	Before 24 Mar.	Évreux, **69**
		Rouen, **67**, **73**, **117**, **327**, **463–4**, **727**
	May	Conference with Louis VI
		Lillebonne
		Villers
		Mézidon
		Évreux, **280–2**
	June	Lisieux
	June	Livarot
	June	Pont–Audemer, **75**
		? Falaise, **298**
	July	Grossœuvre (nr. Évreux)
		? Lyons-la-forêt, **598**
		Quitri (Vexin)
		Saint-Pois (nr. Avranches)
		(? Cherbourg)
	28 Nov.	Portsmouth, **827**
		? Worcester, **579**[2]
		? Woodstock, **468**, **950**
		? Marlborough, **41**, **312**, **525**
		Westminster, **681**
	25 Dec.	Dunstable
		Bedford (siege)
1138	Jan.	Goldington (during siege of Bedford), **47**, **342**
		? Eye, **288**
	Feb.	Northumberland
		SE. Scotland
	16 Feb.	Wark
		Bamborough
	10 Apr.	Northampton, **623**, **885–6**, **963**
		? Rockingham, **466**
	10–12 May	Gloucester
	13 May–15 June	Hereford, **188**, **383–5**, **395**

[1] The visits to Bayeux and Évreux before 24 Mar. are revealed by dated charters. Otherwise the Norman itinerary is from Orderic, whose account is preferred to that of Robert de Torigni.

[2] The dates of **579** and **312** are decisive.

1138 (*cont.*)	June	Weobley
		London, **801**
		? Malmesbury, **313**
		? Bath, **764**
		Bristol (siege)
		Castle Cary (Som.)
		Harptree (Som.)
		Dudley (Worcs.)
	22–27 Aug.	Shrewsbury (siege), **132**, **286**
		Wareham (Dorset)
	11–24 Dec.	Westminster (council), **638**, **928–9**
1139	8 Jan.	Canterbury[1]
		Leeds (Kent)
		? Reading, **850–1**
		? Oxford, **390**, **473**, **667**
	c. 13 Jan.	? Godstow, **366**
	Apr.	Nottingham, **474**
	30 Apr.	Worcester, **964–5**
	May	Ludlow (siege)
		Worcester
		London
		Worcester
		Ludlow[2]
	24 June	Oxford (arrest of the bishops; new seal), **452–3**, **493**, **621–2**
		Devizes
		Sherborne
		Newark
	c. July	Sleaford
		Dunster
		Corfe (siege)
		Marlborough (siege), **525**
	c. 1 Oct.	Arundel (siege of the empress)
		Wallingford
		South Cerney
	21 Oct.	Malmesbury
		Trowbridge (siege)
		Devizes
		London
		Oxford, **294**, **452**, **626–7**, **920**
	Dec.	Worcester (for 3 or 5 days)
		Little Hereford
		Leominster
		Worcester
		? Newbury, **526**
		? Andover, **543**
	25 Dec.	Salisbury, **189**, **787–90**
1140	Jan.	Reading
		? Berkhampstead, **308**
		Ely (siege)
		? Cambridge, **261–2**, **410**
		? Bury St. Edmunds, **265**
		Cornwall
		Winchester, **991**
		? Waverley, **921**
		Worcester

[1] Stephen seems to have been at Westminster on 24 Dec. (Saltman, *Theobald*, 12), but was at Canterbury immediately after Christmas (*Chron. Mon. de Bello*, 65). 8 Jan. was the day on which Theobald was consecrated archbishop.

[2] The repeated visits to Worcester and Ludlow are strange, but John of Worcester (ed. Weaver, 54) is explicit about them.

1140 (*cont.*)	Jan.	Little Hereford, **263**
		? Newton, **437**
		Worcester
		Oxford, **4**, **16**, **264**
		? Windsor, **586**
	26 May	London
		Westminster, **273**
		Bungay
		? Norwich, **399**, **690**
		? Bury St. Edmunds, **265**
		Lincoln
		? Northampton, **70**
		London, **210**
	After 25 Dec.	Lincoln (siege), **114**, **442**, **480**, **982–3**
1141	2 Feb.	Battle of Lincoln. Stephen captured
	9 Feb.	*Gloucester* (*in captivity*)
	13 Feb.	*Bristol* (*in captivity*)
	1 Nov.	*Bristol. Stephen released*
	3 Nov.	Winchester
	7 Nov.	London
	25 Dec.	Canterbury,[1] **162**, **276**
1142	After 19 Apr.	York
	May–*c.* 7 June	Northampton (ill)
		? Guildford, **194**
	After 24 June	Wareham
		Cirencester
		Bampton (Oxon.)
		Radcot
	c. 26 Sept.–*c.* 20 Dec.	Oxford (siege), **163**, **858**
1143		Wareham
		Wilton (battle)[2]
	c. 14 Mar.	London (legatine council)
	Before 7 June	Caistor, **109**[3]
		? Newball (Lincs.), **855**
	7 June	Peterborough, **655**[3]
		? Ipswich, **406**
		St. Albans (arrest of Geoffrey de Mandeville)
		London
	Nov.	Stamford[4]
		Ramsey[4]
1144		Nr. Ramsey (siege)
		Lincoln (siege)
		? Southwell, **577**
		Malmesbury
		Tetbury
		Winchcomb
1145		Ipswich, **267**
		Saffron Walden
		? Bury St. Edmunds, **266**, **460**
		Malmesbury
		London
		Oxford
		Faringdon (siege)
1146		Stamford, **178**, **494**

[1] Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 123 puts this under 1142, but we agree with Round (*G. de M.* 138) that 1141 is correct. Cf. Gervase, i. 524, 527.

[2] Though Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 125 gives the date of the battle as 1 July, we have followed *G.S.* 196 which puts it (*pauco dilapso tempore*) after the siege of Oxford.

[3] These two entries are not derived from chronicles but from the statements in **655**.

[4] *Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis*, ed. W. D. Macray (R.S.), 328–9.

1146 (*cont.*)		Bedford
	12 May	St. Albans,[1] **179**
		Wallingford (siege), **11**, **992**
		? Oxford, **485**
	Aug.	Canterbury, **150**
		Northampton (arrest of Earl Ranulf)
		London, **694**
	25 Dec.	Lincoln, **85**, **471**, **487**, **736–7**
1147		Coventry
		? London, **541–2**
		Pevensey
	? 25 Dec.	? London, **402**, **511–13**, **760**, **845–8**, **859**, **958**
1148	Mar.	Canterbury[2]
	c. 20 Apr.	London,[3] **145**, **590**
	31 May	York[4]
	c. Nov.	St. Albans[5]
		Bermondsey, **300**
	7 Dec.	London,[5] **183**
		? Canterbury,[6] **301–2**
1149		? Lewes, **448–50**
		? Oxford, **103**
	Aug.	York
		Wheldrake
		York
		Beverley
		York
	? Sept.	London
		Nr. Salisbury
		Nr. Marlborough
		Nr. Devizes
		? Woodstock, **455**
		Lincoln
1150		Worcester (siege)
1151	*c.* 18 Mar.	London (legatine council), **185**
	Before 18 June	St. Albans,[7] **488**, **938–941**
		? Oxford, **895**
		Worcester (siege)
1152	*c.* 6 Apr.	London
	3 May	Castle Hedingham (death of the queen), **503–4**
	After 3 May	Faversham (burial of queen)
		Newbury (siege), **89**
		Crowmarsh (for siege of Wallingford)
1153	Jan.	Cirencester, **192**
	Jan.	Malmesbury
		London, **230**
		Wallingford (siege), **232**
		Crowmarsh (meeting with Duke Henry)
		Ipswich (siege), **118**, **336**, **414**
		? Romford, **251**
	6 Nov.	Winchester (with Duke Henry)
		London (with Duke Henry), **137**
		Westminster (with Duke Henry), **272**
1154	Jan.	? Woodstock, **239a**, **242**, **864–5**
	13 Jan.	Oxford (with Duke Henry), **297**
		Dunstable (with Duke Henry), **127**, **129**, **403**, **583**, **661**
	Feb.	Canterbury (with Duke Henry)

[1] Roger of Wendover, ed. Coxe, ii. 237.
[2] John of Salisbury, *Hist. Pont.* (ed. Chibnall, 7).
[3] Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 135.
[4] Whitby Cart., ed. J. C. Atkinson (Surtees Soc., 1879), i. 9.
[5] *Chron. Mon. de Bello*, 70.
[6] Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 139.
[7] Roger of Wendover, ed. Coxe, ii. 249.

1154 (*cont.*)	Feb.	Dover (with Duke Henry)
		Canterbury (with Duke Henry)
	4 Apr.	London, **28**, **131**, **137**, **239 f.**, **258**, **519**, **696**, **866**, **896**
		? Westminster, **201**, **239**
		? Windsor, **344**, **358–9**
		? Eye, **177**, **290**
		? Norwich, **404**
	Aug.	York, **664**, **797**
		Drax, **490**, **817**
		? Laceby, **604**
		Lincoln, **489**, **624**
		London, **569**, **896**
		Canterbury
	25 Oct.	Dover (death)

ITINERARY OF THE EMPRESS IN ENGLAND

[Charters given by the empress before her arrival in England in 1139 are: **20**, **567**, **805**, and **898**.]

1139	30 Sept.	Arundel
		Bristol
		Gloucester, **391**
1141	2 Feb.	Gloucester
	17 Feb.	Cirencester
	2 Mar.	Wherwell
	3 Mar.	Winchester, **343**, **597**
		Wilton
		? Devizes, **368**, **820–1**
	30 Mar.	Oxford, **400**, **571**, **628**, **854**
		Reading, **697**, **700**
	7 Apr.	Winchester (*Domina Anglorum*)
	5–7 May	Reading, **253**, **581**, **699**
		Oxford, **645**, **701**
	June	St. Albans, **392**, **497**
	Before 24 June	London
	Before 24 June	Westminster, **274**, **316**, **911**
	c. 25 June	Oxford
		Gloucester
	July	Oxford, **68**, **275**, **328**, **377**, **393**, **629–31**, **634**, **645–8**, **791**, **899**
	c. 31 July	Winchester (siege)
	14 Sept.	Ludgershall
		Devizes, **115**, **259**
		Gloucester
		Bristol, **498**
	Nov.	Oxford, **316a**
1142	3 Mar.	Devizes
	14 June	Devizes
	c. 24 June	Oxford (besieged from 26 Sept.)
	Dec.	Abingdon
		Wallingford
		Devizes
1143		Devizes, **370–1**
1144		Devizes, **43**, **111**, **372**, **703**, **839**
1146	Sept.	Devizes, **58**
1148	Before 4 Mar.	Return to Normandy
	June	Falaise, **461**

[Subsequent charters or attestations of the empress, given at Rouen or Le Pré between 1150 and her death in 1167 are: **71–72**, **88**, **112**, **116a**, **168**, **334**, **409**, **432**, **607**, **653**, **711**, **748**, **824–6**, **836**, **867 n.**, **909–10**.]

ITINERARIES OF GEOFFREY OF ANJOU IN NORMANDY AND AS DUKE OF NORMANDY

1136	21 Sept.	Carrouges
		Écouché
		Saint-Georges d'Asnebec
		Montreuil-au-Houlme
		Moutiers-Hubert
	1 Oct.	Le Sap
	4 Oct.	Sées
1137		Basoches
		Argences
		Gué Béranger
		Back to Anjou
1138	1–18 Oct.	Falaise (unsuccessful siege)
	Nov.	Touques
		Retreat to Anjou
1141	*c.* 5 Apr.	Lisieux
		Falaise
1142		Aulnay[1]
		Mortain
		Tinchebray
		Cérences
		Le Teilleul
		St.-Hilaire-du-Harcouët
		Briquesard (in Livry)
		Bastonbourg
		Trévières
		Vire
		Villers-Bocage
		Pontorson
		Avranches
		Saint-Lo
		Coutances
1143		Cherbourg
		Verneuil
		Le Vaudreuil
1144	*c.* 14 Jan.	Vernon
	20 Jan.	Rouen
	23 Apr.	Rouen (Duke of Normandy) (**729** n.)
		Neufchâtel-en-Bray
		Lyons-la-Forêt
1145	Summer	Arques
		Rouen
		Angers
1146	8 Apr.	Baugé, **1008**
		Le Mans, **1006**
		Courcy-sur-Dives, **1001**
		Rouen
1147	23 Feb.	Vendôme, **1009**
		Saumur, **781**
	After 20 Apr.	Mirebeau, **408**
		Argentan, **59**
	11 Oct.	Rouen, **599**
1148		Fauguernon, nr. Lisieux

[1] The long list of places captured by Duke Geoffrey in this year is derived from three sources, William of Malmesbury's *Hist. Nov.*, para. 519, Robert of Torigni in *Chronicles* (R.S.), iv. 143, and Jean de Marmoutier's *Historia Gaufredi Ducis* (*Chroniques des Comtes d'Anjou*, ed. L. Halphen and E. Poupardin (Paris, 1913), 226–8). It is impossible to be sure of the precise order of events, but the campaign seems to have ended with the fall of Coutances.

1149	12 Jan.	Le Mans, **1005**
	27 Mar.	Le Bec-Hellouin, **77**
		Rouen, **665**
		Montreuil-Bellay (siege begun)
1150	9 Sept.	Angers
	28 Oct.	Montreuil-Bellay (siege continued)
1151		Montreuil-Bellay (siege concluded), **806**
	11 June	Angers, **19**
		Brissac
	End of Aug.	Paris (with Louis VII)
	7 Sept.	Château-du-Loir (death)

ITINERARY OF HENRY FITZ EMPRESS DUKE OF NORMANDY

Henry fitz Empress was born at Le Mans on 5 March 1133. He visited England twice while only a boy, but these visits have excited considerable controversy. The first certainly began in about October 1142 when he landed at Wareham with his uncle, Robert Earl of Gloucester.[1] From there he was sent to Bristol where he was educated at St. Augustine's Abbey, his tutor being Master Matthew.[2] In spite of the statement of Gervase of Canterbury that Henry stayed in England till 1146, we have been convinced by the arguments of Dr. A. L. Poole that he had returned to the continent by the end of 1143, since he solemnly attested a charter which his father gave at Angers towards the end of that year.[3]

His second visit to England, which is known only from the *Gesta Stephani*, was at the end of 1146 and beginning of 1147.[4] His intention was presumably to take advantage of the renewed hostility between King Stephen and the Earl of Chester, which had resulted in the revolt of the Earls of Hertford and Pembroke, but in the event the expedition was little more than a boyish escapade, undertaken without his parents' knowledge or approval. We may presume that he landed at Wareham, the only convenient port open to him, and we know that he failed to take Cricklade and *Burtuna* (? Purton). He was back in Normandy a day or two before 29 May 1147.[4]

His third and fourth visits to England, in 1149 and 1153–4, are not the subject of controversy, and are set out in tabular form with the rest of his itinerary.

1147	29 May	Le Bec-Hellouin[5]
	11 Oct.	Rouen, **599**. Cf. **735**[6]
1149	13 Apr.	Devizes, **666**, **704**, **795**
	22 May	Carlisle
		Lancaster
		Hereford
		Dursley
		Bristol

[1] William of Malmesbury, *Hist. Nov.*, para 519.

[2] Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 125. Henry's stay at Bristol is corroborated by the texts of **126** and **996**, and Matthew attests as his teacher (*doctor*) in **329** and **331**.

[3] *E.H.R.* xlvii (1932), 450. The charter is not printed here since it is a purely Angevin affair, issued before Geoffrey was Duke of Normandy and concerning lands in Anjou. Its date is given in the text both as A.D. 1143 (which by Angevin reckoning would probably have been from Easter 1143 to Easter (26 Mar.) 1144), and as the year in which Geoffrey had conquered Normandy 'this side of the Seine'.

[4] G.S. 135–7. Cf. Poole in *E.H.R.* xlvii (1932), 451–2.

[5] Robert de Torigni, in *Chronicles*, iv. 154.

[6] These two charters raise the question of the dating formula *a Pascha precedenti* (also used in **408**) and *in Pascha instanti* (**77**). To us it seems clear that the intention was to date the year by the style of Easter. **77** was dated Palm Sunday 'on the approach of Easter 1149', and **599** 'on 11 Oct. of the year which began at Easter 1147'. The date of **735** would therefore be in the year which began at Easter 1147 and ended at Easter 1148; the point is of some importance, for if the formula merely meant 'at Easter' or 'just before Easter', it would necessarily follow that Henry had returned from England by 20 Apr. 1147—which we do not believe to have been the case.

1149 (*cont.*)	? Sept.	Devizes
		Devon
		Bridport
		Devizes, **420**
1150		? Rouen (Duke of Normandy), **71**, **167**, **728–9**, **731**, **836**
		? Rouen, N.D. du Pré, **88**
		? Le Bec-Hellouin, **80**
		? Caen, **324**
		? Falaise, **299**, **705–7**
1151		? Mortain, **809**
		Torigni-sur-Vire
		Arques
		In the Vexin
	Late Aug.	Paris
		Lisieux
	7 Sept.	Château-du-Loir (death of Count Geoffrey)
		Le Mans (funeral of Count Geoffrey), **440**
		? Argentan, **326**
		? Rouen, **306a**, **325**
	Nov.	Bayeux, **810**
		? Domfront, **812**
	9 Nov.	Angers, **776**
1152	1 Jan.	Baugé, **799** n., **323**, **330**
		? Angers, **799**
		? Amboise, **21**
	6 Apr.	Lisieux, **782**
		? Rouen, **62**, **72**, **580**, **600–2**, **653**
		? Tours, **329**
	c. 18 May	Poitiers (marriage to Eleanor of Aquitaine)
		? Château-du-Loir, **811**
		? Falaise, **61**
	24 June–16 July	Barfleur
		Bacqueville
		Guitry
		Étrépagny
		La Ferté-Saint-Samson
		Vernon
		Pacy-sur-Eure
		Brézolles
		Marcilly-sur-Eure
		Bonsmoulins
		Montsoreau (nr. Saumur)
		Barfleur
1153	*c.* 13 Jan.	? Wareham
		? Devizes, **90**, **180**
		Malmesbury
		? Bristol, **126**, **309**, **438**
	? 19 Apr.	? Gloucester (Duke of Aquitaine), **193**, **339**, **363a–b**, **364**, **840**, **901**
		? Berkeley, **306**
		? Evesham, **321**
		? Dudley, **962**
	7 June	Leicester, **104**, **379**, **582**
		? Coventry, **841**
		Warwick, **459**
		Bedford
		Wallingford, **44**
		Siege of Crowmarsh, **491**
		Stamford, **81**, **492**
		Nottingham
		? Devizes, **90**, **837**
		? Wilton, **575**, **710**

1153 (*cont.*)	6 Nov.	Winchester (with Stephen)
		London (with Stephen) **239** f., **875**
		Westminster (with Stephen), **272**, **206**
1154	13 Jan.	Oxford (with Stephen)
		? St. Albans, **140a**
		Dunstable (with Stephen), **130**, **140**, **584**
	Feb.	Canterbury (with Stephen)
		Dover (with Stephen)
		London
	c. 3 Mar.	Rochester, **458**
		? Eu, **709**
		? Périgueux, **783**
	21 May	Fontevrault, **331–2**
		Le Mans, **900**
		? Caen, **22**, **29**
		? Lisieux, **63**
	24 June	Rouen, **49**, **64–65**, **305**
	Aug.	Peace with Louis VII
	1 Oct.	In the Vexin with Louis VII
		? Lire in the forest of Conches
	c. 25 Oct.	Torigni (15 days' siege, during which news received of Stephen's death)
	c. 7 Nov.—7 Dec.	Barfleur (waiting for favourable wind)
	8 Dec.	*Hostreham*[1]
		Winchester
	19 Dec.	Westminster (coronation)

[1] Thus Gervase of Canterbury (R.S.), i. 159. The context indicates that it was a place in England and within reach of Winchester. Possibly it is a misreading of Wareham.

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NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTION AND EDITING

We have modernized the punctuation and printed *j* for *i*, *v* for *u* and *t* for *c* wherever appropriate, but we have followed the economical medieval practice of making *e* do duty for *ae* or *e*. Otherwise we have followed the spelling of our sources exactly, even when they are inconsistent; hence the variant forms of *Matilda*, *Matildis*, and *Mathildis* which sometimes occur in the same charter.

We have extended abbreviations without comment unless we think them doubtful, and except when they occur in proper names; they are then indicated by round brackets, thus: Ebor(acum). Square brackets indicate emendations which are specified in the footnotes, though *rex* Angl[orum] is printed without comment when the manuscript reads *rex Anglie*.

The source from which a text is printed is indicated by an asterisk, e.g. B.M. *Add. MS. 14292. It can be assumed that the manuscripts listed are cartulary copies unless otherwise stated. In the case of originals, a brief description is given, with the measurements across the top and down the left-hand side.

KING STEPHEN, THE EMPRESS MATILDA, GEOFFREY DUKE OF NORMANDY, AND HENRY DUKE OF NORMANDY

1. Abbotsbury Abbey (1149–54, *apud Wycumbam in obsidione*)

Grant of liberties

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Saresberiensi et justiciariis et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Dorseta et Devonia, Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse deo et Sancte Marie et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Abbotesbiria et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes libertates [et] quietantias quas antecessores mei rex Willelmus [et] rex Henricus eis concesserunt et per cartas suas confirmaverunt. Quare volo et precipio quod eadem ecclesia et abbas et monachi teneant omnes terras suas et omnes possessiones suas et omnia jura sua secus mare bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis et in omnibus rebus cum soca et saca et thol et theam et infangenthef et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus liberis ecclesie predicte pertinentibus, et dominium suum omni consuetudine ita quietum sit et victus monachorum sicut reges prenominati per cartas suas eis concesserunt et per cartas suas confirmaverunt. Testibus Ricardo de Lucy, et Gaufrido Martel, et Osberto Martel. Apud Wycumbam in obsidione.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 54 Hen. III, m. 14.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 132.
Date: As for **456.**

2. Abingdon Abbey (1136–54, at St. Albans)

The abbot to have his hundred and tenures

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Jordano de Podiis salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittatis abbatem de Abbendonia tenere hundredum suum et omnes tenuras suas bene et in pace sicut melius tenuit tempore regis Henrici et sicut carte regum testantur quas inde habet, et cum omnibus libertatibus suis. Teste A. clerico. Apud Sanctum Albanum.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius C. ix, f. 167^{v}.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 182.

3. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54, at London)

Warranty that the abbot and his men shall plead pleas of the crown only before the king at Oxford

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenef(ordscira) et de Berchesira salutem. Sciatis quia warantizo abbati Abbendonie ne ipse vel homines sui placitent de aliquo placito quod pertineat ad coronam meam nisi coram me et quando ero apud Oxenef(ordam). Teste Willelmo de Ipra. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius C. ix, f. 167.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 181; Bigelow, 156.

4. Abingdon Abbey (*c.* 1140 or Dec. 1142–Sept. 1143, at Oxford)

Confirming the hundred of Hormer (Berks.) to the abbey

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Saresberie et justiciis et vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Berchesire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse

deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Abbendone et abbati Ingulfo et omnibus abbatibus successoribus suis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus hundredum de Hornimera jure perpetuo tenendum et habendum eis et omnibus successoribus suis in legitima et liberrima potestate sua et justitia, sicut Eadwardus rex Anglorum dedit et concessit,[1] et per cartam suam confirmavit, quam coram me et baronibus meis lectam esse testificor, et sicut Willelmus rex avus meus et Henricus avunculus meus, dona regis Eadwardi per cartas suas concesserunt et corroboraverunt. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut abbas et monachi presentes et futuri predictum hundredum in pace et quiete et honorifice et libere teneant, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et quietationibus suis cum quibus melius et honorabilius tenuerunt tempore predictorum regum; scilicet quod nullus vicecomes vel eorum ministri inde se quicquam intromittant, sed ipsi libere justitiam suam habeant et faciant. Testibus Comite Gaufrido et Roberto de Ver et Willelmo de Ipra [et Walter(o) de Bocheland(e), et Adam de Belnaio, et Ricard(o) de Luci, Mainfenin[3] Briton(e) et Hugo(ne) de Bolebec].[2] Apud Oxen(eford).

[1] *MS. B starts here, the previous folio being missing* [2] *Witnesses in square brackets from MS. B only.* [3] *MS.* Rainfenin

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Claudius C. ix, f. 167; and Claudius B. vi, f. 164.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 178.
Date: While Geoffrey de Mandeville was an earl and in favour with Stephen (i.e. Dec. 1139 (at the earliest)–Sept. 1143), and while Stephen held Oxford (which he did not from 2 Feb. 1141 to Dec. 1142).
The text is identical with Henry I's charter, *Regesta*, ii. 1477, but the witnesses are different

5. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the weekly market at Abingdon

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Sar(esberiensi) et justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Berchescira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Abbendonia et Ingulfo abbati et monachis cum eo in ea deo servientibus mercatum in villa de Abbendonia ad diem [Sancte Crucis][1] sicut predicta ecclesia et abbates et ipse abbas Vincentius unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt, et die qua rex Henricus eis dedit et concessit abbatiam. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod omnes homines illuc euntes et ibidem morantes et inde redeuntes plene habeant meam firmam pacem, ne super hec injuste disturbentur super x libras forisfacture. Testibus Willelmo de Ipra,[2] Will(elmo) de Caisn(eio), et Ricard(o) de Luci, et Ricard(o) de Camvilla. Apud Oxenef(ord).

[1] *B deletes* Sancte Crucis; *C deletes* ad diem Sancte Crucis [2] *C omits the next* 3 *witnesses*

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Claudius B. vi, f. 164, and Claudius C. ix, f. 167.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 180.
Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England.

6. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54, at Oxford)

The abbot to do castle-guard at Windsor as formerly

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) I(ngulfo) abbati Abbendonie salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod faciatis wardam vestram ad castellum meum de Wind(eso)ra ita bene et plenarie sicut umquam melius et plenius ibidem fecistis et non alibi. Teste Willelmo de Ipra. Apud Oxen(eford).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius B. vi, f. 164v.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 182.

7. Abingdon Abbey (1136–54, at Oxford)

Confirming land at Whistley Green and Winkfield (Berks.).
and protecting all the abbey's lands and goods

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Willelmo Mart(el) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quia reddidi et concessi deo et abbatie et monachis de Abbendonia terram suam de Wisselega et de Winkefeld; et terra illa et omnes alie terre sue, et omnes res sue,

sunt in mea tutela et protectione. Quare volo et precipio quod sint bene et in pace, ita ne quisquam eis forisfaciat, nec quicquam inde capiat. Quia volo quod omnes res sue sint ita bene custodite sicut mee dominice in omnibus rebus. Teste Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Oxen-(eford).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius B. vi, f. 164v.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 182; Bigelow, 149.

8. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54)

Freedom from toll

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res abbatis et monachorum Sancte Marie de Abbendonia quas homines sui affidaverint suas esse proprias sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine, ne super h(oc) injuste disturbentur, super x libras forisfacture. Testibus Will(elmo) de Ipra et Ric(ardo) de Luci.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius B. vi, f. 164v.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 182; Bigelow, 149.

9. Abingdon Abbey (1136–54, at Earl's Colne, Essex)

Freedom from toll

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes res abbatis et monachorum de Abendona et homines sui proprii de domo sua sint quieti ab omni theloneo et consuetudine et passagio unde homines sui affidare poterint quod sue sint. Et prohibeo ne aliquis eos disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Colun.

MSS.: Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, D/D Pr. 149 (Colne Cartulary), f. 4v; B.M. Add. MS. 5860, p. 220, transcript by Cole (1780) from the cartulary, and *MS. Facs. 472 (photostats of the cartulary).
Printed: J. L. Fisher, *Cartularium Prioratus de Colne*, no. 7.

10. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54, at London)

Confirmation of charters

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenefordscira et de Berchesira salutem. Precipio quod abbas et monachi de Abbendona teneant et habeant omnes terras et homines suos et omnes res suas ita bene [et] in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete sicut tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua primum coronatus fui, ne super hoc ponatur inde in placitum donec veniam in provinciam; quia nolo quod placitent nisi coram me. Teste Ricard(o) de Luci. Apud Lundon(iam).

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Claudius C. ix, f. 167, and Claudius B. vi, f. 164v.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 181; Bigelow, 143.

11. Abingdon Abbey (1139, 1146, or 1152–3, at Wallingford *in obsidione*)

Confirming to the abbey the church etc. of Nuneham (*Courtenay*) (*Oxon.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Abbend(ona) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, tenere et habere in perpetua eleemosyna ecclesiam de Neweham cum una hida terre et cum tota decima ejusdem manerii, et cum una piscaria cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus, et cum prato et cum pastura sicut Willelmus de Curci dapifer illa eis dedit et concessit, et sicut Willelmus de Curci filius ejus illa eis reddidit et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi omnes illas tenuras bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant, sicut melius et liberius tenent alias eleemosynas ecclesie sue

pertinentes. Testibus Willelmo Mart(el), et comite Albr(ico), et Bald(wino) filio Gil(eberti). Apud Wareng(efordam) in obsidione.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius B. vi, f. 164.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 179.
Date: Sieges of Wallingford are recorded in 1139, 1146, and 1152–3. Aubrey de Vere II was count of Guisnes from (?)1139 (*G. de M.* 189) and Earl of Oxford from 1141; he is therefore not incompatible with any of the three sieges.

12. Abingdon Abbey (1139–54, at Wallingford)

Confirming to the abbey the church of Sutton (*Courtenay*) (*Berks.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Salesb(eriensi) et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Willelmus rex Anglie avunculus meus fecit ecclesie Sancte Marie de Abbend(ona) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, de ecclesia Suttone cum terris et decimis et aliis rebus et consuetudinibus eidem pertinentibus ecclesie. Quare precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi ecclesiam Sudtone cum omnibus pertinentiis suis bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant, sicut illam melius tenuerunt tempore predecessorum meorum regum Anglie sicut testantur eorum carte. Testibus Willelmo Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Wareng(efordam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius B. vi, f. 164.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 179.
Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England.

13. Abingdon Abbey (1153)

Record of a dispute with Turstin son of Simon the dispenser of King Henry I

Eo igitur anno quo rex Stephanus et Henricus dux Normannie foederati sunt, Turstinus filius ejusdem Simonis suggessit regi abbatem Abbendonie quasdam hereditarii sui juris possessiones injusta et fraudulenta invasione jam aliquandiu occupasse. Datis ei pro restitutione earumdem muneribus, rex illico abbati per breve suum mandavit ut, remota omni dilatione, quicquid Turstinus suum dicebat, saisiaret. Quo audito, abbas non leve dampnum inspiciens, non leviter consensit. Adunata tamen curia sua, diem statuit quo, habita deliberatione, excogitaret quid super hoc responderet. Jam aderat dies statuta, et nondum consentiente abbate, ut vel tunc Turstinus quod petebat acciperet, sicut primo sic secundo diem distulit, quo scilicet sapientiores de tali negotio consuleret. Quo contra Turstinus lucrum suum differri considerans, renuit diem, regem adiit, et quod jussa regis abbas implere noluerit mendaciter indicavit; insuper (ut citius voti compos efficeretur) regem regisque collaterales jam iterum muneribus sibi illexit. Rex autem causam Turstini justam existimans, vicecomiti suo, tunc temporis Henrico de Oxeneford, precepit ut, ablato omni dilationis scrupulo, causam utramque secundum jus regium tractaret. Vicecomes vero, amore pecunie depravatus, justos possessores depraedavit; et Turstinus in re non sua, quasi rege jubente et jure dictante, injusta (ut ipse postea confessus est) introduxit. Turstinus ergo saisiatus re quam petebat, id est ecclesia de Mercham et iii hidis ad eandem pertinentibus et i in Middeltun, una quoque in Eppelford, contra jus ecclesiasticum agens, rem eandem detinuit. Sed non patitur deus sic injusta diu subsistere; eodem namque anno quo res ecclesie invasit, Stephanus rex diem obiit, eique in regno Henricus junior successit.

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Claudius C. ix, f. 164, and Claudius B. vi, f. 165.
Printed: *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 184; Bigelow, 168.
Turstan fitz Simon had been a supporter of the empress in 1141, which may explain how he had come to lose his land.

14. Abingdon Abbey (1135–54, at London)

The monks to hold their church of Kensington (*Mddx.*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Londoniensi et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Lond(onie) et Midelsexe salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia

Sancte Marie de Abbendona et monachi teneant ecclesiam suam de Chensindetona et terram suam ita bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice sicut Albericus de Ver eam illis dedit, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur quam inde habent; nec super hoc ponantur in novam vel injustam consuetudinem. T(este) Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, D/D Pr. 149 (Colne Cartulary), f. 4; B.M. *MS. Facs. 472 (facs. of cartulary), Add. MS. 5860, p. 219.

Printed: J. L. Fisher, *Cartularium Prioratus de Colne*, no. 4.

Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 702, and *Chron. Abingdon* (R.S.), ii. 56 for the charter of Henry I. Colne was a priory of Abingdon Abbey.

15.. Adam the clerk (1135–40, at Westminster)

Confirmation of lands held of the royal soke of Hintlesham and Samford Hundred (Suff.) and burgage land in Norwich

S(tephanus) Rex Angl(orum) episcopo de Norwich' et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norfulch(scira) et Sudf(olcscira) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Ade clerico meo in feodo et hereditate terras quas tenet de manerio et socha mea de Hintlesham pro xvj solidis reddendis inde per annum pro omnibus servitiis sicut rex Henricus eas ei concessit per cartas suas, scilicet terram que fuit Aelwardi, et terram de Spercheford' que fuit Wolurici, et terram que fuit Osb(erti) filii Bundi, et terram que fuit Teodware et Burchardi filii sui, et terram que fuit Aldredi et Chepalasland et Sewinesland, et partem terre que fuit Sirici et alias minutas terras que sunt imfra (*sic*) hos xvj solidos. Et preter hoc concedo ei terram et servitium Haldeni de socha mea de Samford' hundredo pro ij solidis et v denariis et obolo reddendis per annum pro omni servitio. Et preter hoc concedo ei terram quam tenet de burgagio meo de Norwic' per servitium quod ei terre pertinet, sicut rex Henricus ei concessit per cartam suam, et sicut tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et volo et precipio quod ipse et heredes sui illas in pace et hereditabiliter teneant. Testibus cancellario, et W(illelmo) Mart(ello), et R(oberto) filio Walteri. Apud [Westmonasterium].[1]

[1] *MS. torn; place-date from Dodsworth MS.*

MSS.: P.R.O. *E40/14899 (original, 7″ × 5⅕″ (max.), written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv or Peter the scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 479), with stub torn, tongue and seal missing). Abbreviated copy in Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 39, f. 91.

Date: Robert fitz Walter (de Chesney) was dead by 1140.

16. Alcester Abbey (1139–40, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the (foundation) grants by Ralph Butler (of Oversley) and Robert Earl of Leicester

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justitiis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie de Insula omnes terras illas quas Radulfus Pincerna eis dedit et concessit, videlicet insulam et totam terram suam dominicam de Cochemersa et capellam de Uverlia cum appendiciis suis et manerium suum de Pebbewurda et ecclesiam de Merstona cum appendiciis suis et ecclesiam de Glen cum appendiciis suis et ecclesiam de Taingwurda, et in Empingha(m) xx s. et molendinum de Grobi et decimam de Vuerlia totam de dominico suo, et dimidium molendinum et terram suam totam de Walteford et de Chelebruga et terram suam de Blinchesfeld totam preter lx solidatas quas inde dedit predictus Radulfus ecclesie Sancti Nicasii de Metll(ento) et tertiam partem de Pebbewurda de decima sua de dominico suo, et medietatem decime sue de Cherletona, et duas partes decime de Rageleia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie teneant monachi in predicta ecclesia deo et Sancte Marie servientes cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangeneteof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et in omnibus libertatibus cum quibus terre ille erant tempore Roberti comitis de Mellento. Et preter hoc concedo predicte ecclesie illud privilegium et illam dignitatem quam habet ecclesia Heboracensis

vel ecclesia Sancte Marie de Wircestria quod comes de Legrecestria per cartam suam confirmavit. Testibus G(ualeranno) comite de Mellento, et R(oberto) comite Legrecestrie, et Willelmo comite de Warenna, et H(erveio) comite de Wiltes(scira), et Willelmo comite Eboraci, et comite Simone, et Roberto de Oilli, et Willelmo de Ipra, et Ernaldo de Bosco, et Roberto Pincerna, et Willelmo de Pinu. Apud Oxenefordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 14 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 176; **C.C.R.* iv. 482.
Date: See D. Styles, 'The Early History of Alcester Abbey' in *Trans. Birmingham Arch. Soc.* lxiv (1941–2), pp. 27–29. Cf. *Complete Peerage*, xii (pt. ii) 728 (1959). Mrs. Styles argues in favour of June 1139, immediately after the arrest of the bishops. 1140 is more likely, however, since the *Gesta Stephani* (71,77) suggests that Hervey Brito was not made earl of Wilts. till 1140. One would also have expected the Oxford Council to break up immediately after the arrest of the bishops in order to pursue Roger of Salisbury to Devizes.

17. Almenèches, Abbey of (1144–50)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the abbess's customs in the forest of Gouffern

G(aufridus) dux Norm[annorum] et comes Andegav(orum) Fulc(oni) de Alnou et Roberto de Novavilla et omnibus justiciis suis et omnibus ministris et[1] custodibus foreste Argentomii salutem. Sciatis quod concedo quod abbatissa Almenecharum habeat in foresta mea de Goff(er)[2] omnes illas consuetudines et libertates bene et in pace quas ipsa habebat in tempore regis Henrici, scilicet ad calefactionem suam et ad hospitationem suam et omnes alias consuetudines suas quas ibi debet habere recte teneat et quiete. T(este)[3] R(eginaldo) de Sancto Walerico etc.

[1] *f. 26 omits* et [2] *f. 26* Goufer [3] *f. 26 ends here*

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., *MS. Y. 201 (cartulaire normand), ff. 26 and *37v.
Printed: d'Anisy, *Grands rôles de l'Échiquier*, 167; Delisle, *Cartulaire normand*, no. 4.

18. Almenèches, Abbey of (1146–50, at Argentan)

Henry the duke's son gives a similar confirmation

H(enricus) ducis[1] Norm(annorum) et com(itis)[2] Andegavorum filius Fulconi de Alnoto[3] et Roberto de Novavilla et omnibus justiciis suis et ministris et custodibus foreste Argentonii[4] salutem. Sciatis quod[5] ego concedo quod abbatissa Almanescarum habeat in foresta mea de Gofer[6] omnes illas consuetudines et libertates bene et in pace quas ipsa habebat in tempore Henrici regis, scilicet ad calefactionem suam et ad hospitalitatem et omnes alias consuetudines quas ibi debet habere recte teneat et quiete. T(estibus),[7] Hismenilo[8] de Argent(onio), Osb(er)to cam(erario), Aianrardo cam(erario). Ap(ud) Arg(entonium).

[1] *MS.* dux, *wrongly* [2] *f. 26* comes [2] *f. 26* Alnou [4] *f. 26* Argentomii [5] *f. 26* quia
[6] *f. 26* Goufer [7] *f. 26 ends here* [8] *Delisle* Hismilino

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., *MS. Y. 201 (cartulaire normand), ff. 26 and *37v; Paris, Arch. Nat. JJ. 26, f. 153v.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 7*.

19. Angers, Abbey of St. Aubin (11 June 1151, at Angers)

Geoffrey Count of Anjou confirms, and Duke Henry attests, the privilege granted by Geoffrey Grisegonelle (c. *960–87*) *and subsequently suppressed by Gerald de Berlai*

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, unde bonum procedit, Ego Gausfridus Fulchonis regis Jerusalem filius et dei gratia Andecavorum comes, ad memoriam successorum meorum, ne traderentur oblivioni, hec que secuntur scripto commendare precepi. Noverint presentes et futuri quod propter infidelitatem et intolerabilem sevitiam Giraldi Berlai, qua ipse super omnes ecclesias sue potestatis et earum possessiones crudeliter exagitabat, castrum Mosterioli gratia dei pereuntem (*sic*) obsedi, magnisque expensis et permaximis diuturnisque laboribus predicti castri menia destruxi, turrem et universa edificia totius castri penitus eradicavi, Giraldum et qui cum eo erant captos retinui. Igitur his ita viriliter peractis, recognoscens non

meis meritis nec mea potestate, sed deo agente ad laudem ipsius et ad vindictam malorum operum Giraldi hoc evenisse, sano consilio baronum meorum statui ego ipse et duo filii mei Gausfridus et Willelmus ut omnes consuetudines et exactiones quas Giraldus et antecessores illius in obedientia Maironis immiserant radicitus quassarentur. Preterea concessi ut predicta obedientia secundum auctenticum privilegium antecessoris mei Grisa Gonella Gausfridi quieta penitus ab omni consuetudine remaneret, retentis tribus tantummodo forfactis que predictus Gauffridus in privilegio suo de terra Sancti Albini retinuit, scilicet homicidium, raptum, incendium. Hoc autem totum me fecisse divina gratia inspirante noverit universitas ecclesie pro salute solummodo anime mee patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum. Si quis autem, quod absit, ex heredibus meis vel de mea progenie, seu cupiditate terreni honoris vel aviditate alicujus pecunie, aut per se ipsum aut per suos aut per extraneos contra hanc donationem et confirmationem ut ea infringat aliquo ingenio venire temptaverit, in primis iram dei omnipotentis, quisquis ille fuerit, incurrat, et cum Juda traditore dampnationem accipiat et ab hereditate mea alienus existat. Actum in capitulo Sancti Albini, in presentia Normanni Andecavensis pontificis, et Rotberti abbatis Omnium Sanctorum, tempore Rotberti Sancti Albini abbatis, anno ab incarnatione Domini M°C°L°I°, indictione xiiii, iii idus junii, videntibus et audientibus istis; Gaufrido et Willelmo filiis meis, Gaufrido de Cleeriis, Hugone fratre ejus, Fulchone de Cleeriis, Brientio de Martiniaco, Warino de Belesmo, Gosleno Turonensi, Bareio de Saceio, Pipino Turonensi, et aliis multis; de clericis: magistro Vasleto archidiacono, Gaufrido Bibe vinum, Thoma capellano, Gausfrido decano Sancti Laudi, Petro Fulberti; de monachis: abbate Rotberto Sancti Albini, Guarino priore, Willelmo sacrista, Johanne elemosinario, Mainerio cellerario, Theoderico panetario, Willelmo Dolensi bajulo totoque conventu; de familia monachorum: Arraudo, Pagano de Alodiis, Gaignardo de Sartrino, Benedicto famulo, Brientio. ✠ Signum Gaufridi filii comitis ✠ Signum Willelmi filii comitis. ✠ *Signum Hainrici ducis Normannorum et comitis Andecavorum. Hoc signum feci ego Hainricus et hanc cartam sigilli mei impressione confirmavi coram his testibus: Widone de Sabuleio, Gaufrido nepote ejus, Gosleno Turonensi, Pipino Turonensi, Bonello, Gualterio Fraser, Eudone summulerio.* Ego Gaufridus comes Andegavorum hoc concessi in capitulo Sancti Albini et sigilli mei impressione confirmavi.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 17126, p. 175 (transcript by Gaignières).
Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. 18*; Bertrand de Broussillon. *Cartulaire de Saint-Aubin d'Angers*, ii. 37.
Date: Though the attestation of Duke Henry seems embodied in the text, his titles show that it must be after his father's death (7 Sept. 1151) and before his departure for England in Jan. 1153.

20. Angers, Abbey of St. Nicholas (1133–9)

The empress confirms the abbey's churches in England, at Spalding (*Lincs.*) *Monks Kirby* (*War.*), *Wing* (*Bucks.*), *Willoughton, Holbeach, and Surfleet* (*Lincs.*)

Mathildis imperatrix regum (*sic*) Anglie filia, omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie tam sancte ecclesie quam secularis potestatis, prelatis et subjectis Francis et Anglis et in burgo et extra burgum salutem. Sciatis me gratuito concedere et confirmare ut elemosine que in Anglia date sunt ecclesie Sancti Nicolai Andegavensis sint stabiles a quocunque fuerint ei date sive tempore avi mei Willelmi regis Anglie, sive successoris ejus filii Willelmi avunculi mei Anglorum regis, seu patris mei Henrici subsequentis regis Anglie. Inter quas elemosinas majores habemus (*sic*): ecclesia de Spalingua cum elemosinis ei datis, ecclesia de Kirkbeia cum elemosinis ei datis, et ecclesia de Guuinuga cum elemosinis ei datis, et ecclesia de Guilgetona cum elemosinis ei datis, et ecclesia de Holbecha cum elemosinis ei datis, et ecclesia de Soffleto cum suis elemosinis. Volo igitur et constanter precipio ut ita libere et honorifice monachi prefati Sancti Nicolai ecclesie prememoratas elemosinas, et preter istas ceteras omnes ei datas in Anglia teneant tempore meo, ut eas unquam liberius et honorabilius et quietius predictorum antecessorum meorum temporibus tenuerunt, et cum eisdem consuetudinibus, presentibus tunc Henrico filio meo, et abbate Johanne quo intercessore istud concessi, et Gaufrido filio Garini, et Richardo Capellano, et Folcomaro Cavilla, et Sansone

camerario, et Geraldo Govesla, et Herberto clerico, et Willelmo de Angerivilla cum multis aliis.

MS.: Oxford, Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 11, f. 69v (transcript of 1648 from the cartulary).
Printed: *Monast.* vii. 1104; Delisle–Berger, no. 2*.
Date: After the birth of her son Henry (1133) and before the death of John abbot of St. Nicholas, Angers (before 1141). Also before the empress came to England.

21. Angers, Abbey of St. Sergius (1152, at Amboise)

Duke Henry and his brothers confirming a grant of the churches of Baugé (Maine-et-Loire)

Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum et fratres mei Gaufridus et Willelmus pro anima patris nostri Gaufridi comitis Andegavorum concessimus deo et Sancto Sergio de Andegavis et ejus monachis ecclesias de Baugeio sicut domini de Bello Pratello easdem ecclesias ipsis antea dederant. Teste Bartholomeo Sancti Nicholai Andegavis abbate, Haimerico priore de Chemilleio, Josleno de Turonis, Brientio de Martigneio, Guferio de Brueria, Simone de Castellione, Phillippo de Pontuin. Apud Ambaziam.

MSS.: Angers, Archives du Maine-et-Loire, *H. 1240 (original, 8″ × 7 1/16″, written in an unidentified non-curial hand, with fold and slit for tag, but tag and seal missing). Copies in Paris, Bibl. Nat, MS. Latin 5446, p. 189, and Collection Moreau, vol. 65, f. 30.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 26* and *Atlas*, pl. ii (facs.), *C.D.F.*, no. 1161 (abstract). *Revue d'Anjou*, ii (1853), 69.
Date determined by charter of Henry's brother Geoffrey (Delisle–Berger, no. 25*).

22. Ardenne Priory (April–Dec. 1154, at Caen)

Duke Henry gives orders for the prior to hold his house in Caen freely

Henricus dux Norman(norum) Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Roberto filio Bern(ardi) et hominibus de Cadomo salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod faciatis priorem de Aderna tenere domum suam de Cadomo liberam et quietam sicut carta mea quam inde habet testatur. Et si quid inde captum est sine dilatione reddatur. Et si non feceritis Willelmus filius Johannis faciat ne amplius clamorem audiam. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Hummez constabulario. Apud Cadomum.

MS.: Archives du Calvados *H. 117, f. 281v (no. 389).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 66*.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy.

23. Argentein, John de (1135–54, at Lyminge)

Grant of his father's land and office

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciariis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Franc[is] et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Johanni de Argentein totam terram que fuit patris sui Raginaldi de Argentein cum ministerio suo. Quare volo et precipio quod ipse Johannes et heredes sui post eum totam terram illam teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et omnibus aliis rebus sicut suus pater tenuit melius cum soca et saca et cum tol et temieu et infangene[thef]. Hiis testibus Willelmo Mart(el), et Roberto de Ver, et Roberto Arsic, et Adam de Beln(aco),[1] et Ricardo de Monte Acuto, [et] Simone de Girardimolend(ino). Apud Limming.

[1] *MS.* Boln'

MSS.: Pat. R. 1 Hen. IV, pt. vii, m. 22; B.M. Harley MS. 5019, f. 13v (noticed by R. St. George from a register, giving address and witnesses).
Printed: **C.P.R. 1399–1401*, p. 293.
The office was that of cup-bearer (Round, *King's Sergeants*, 265; cf. *Book of Fees* ii. 1329). Reginald was dead by 1130 and his widow was Matilda (P.R., p. 95).

24. Arrouaise, Abbey of (9 Feb. 1141, at London)

The queen grants the land of Eustace de Legrefth in St. Omer Capelle (Pas-de-Calais) in the vicomté of Marck

Mathildis dei gratia Anglorum regina et Boloniensium comitissa et Eustachius filius ejus archiepiscopo Remensi, episcopo Morinensi, abbatibus, clericis, baronibus et universis sancte dei ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris salutem. Notum vobis facimus quod ego Mathildis Anglie regina et Bolonie comitissa et Eustachius filius meus terram quandam quam Eustachius de Legrefth sub annuo decem librarum censu nobis persolvendo tenebat in perpetuam elemosinam dedimus et concessimus deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis et Sancti Nicholai de Aridagamantia et Gervasio abbati ejusque successoribus et ejusdem ecclesie canonicis regularibus in perpetuum possidendam libere et quiete ab omni comitatu, ab omni consuetudine, ab omni inquietatione, ab omni seculari exactione, cum omnibus aisiamentis suis in terrra, in aqua, in via, et in aliis omnibus pro salute domini nostri Stephani regis et nostra, et pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum. Volumus igitur et precipimus quod prefatam terram in vicecomitatu de Merch et in potestate et parochia Sanct-Omerglise sitam bene et honorifice habeant et teneant, nec ullus eos vel aliquem in ea manentem aliquatenus infestare presumat. Hanc itaque donationem in presentia virorum illustrium et hominum nostrorum factam, auctoritate nostra inconvulse confirmamus et sigilli nostri impressione signamus, et ut sedis apostolice munimento corroboretur volumus et rogamus. Actum Londonie v° Idus Februarii, anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°XL° astantibus Radulfo cancellario, Gaufrido de Hospitali, Waltero de Bolebech, Ingelramno de Sai, Widone de Monsteriolo, Radulfo filio marscalli, Willelmo de Muers.[1] Signum Mathildis ✠ regine. Signum Eustachii ✠.

[1] *Cartulary* Niuers

MSS.: Arras, Archives du Pas-de-Calais, *Trésor des Chartes, A4[5] (*inspeximus of 1270*); P.R.O. 31/8/141, p. 188 (transcript of above); Amiens, Bibl. Mun., MS. 1077, f. 49[v] (cartulary).

Printed: *Bull. hist. de la Soc. des antiq. de la Morinie*, vii (1882–6), 682–5; *C.D.F.*, no. 1319 (cal.).

Date: In Stephen's charters the new year was calculated from 25 March or Easter, so the real date must have been 9 Feb. 1141, one week after the battle of Lincoln. Cf. the confirmation by Thierry C. of Flanders dated 1141 at Arras, *C.D.F.*, no. 1320.

25. Arrouaise, Abbey of (*c.* June 1142, *apud Castrum Traditorum*)

The king orders the queen to give the canons seisin of the tithe of Marck (Pas-de-Calais), which he gave them in his illness at Northampton

Stephanus rex Anglorum Mathildi regine uxori sue salutem. Mando tibi et precipio tibi quod saisias canonicos de Arowasia de decima de Merc, quam dedi eis pro salute anime mee et tuc et Eustachii filii mei, in infirmitate mea apud Norhant(oniam). Et facias eis inde habere cartam tuam et cartam Eustachii filii tui. T(este) Turgisio de Albrinc(is). Apud castrum traditorum.[1]

[1] *Gosse* proditorum

MS.: Amiens, Bibl. Mun., *MS. 1077, f. 45.

Printed: A. A. Gosse, *Histoire de l'abbaye de l'ancienne congrégation des Chanoines Réguliers d'Arrouaise* (Lille, 1786), 57 n.; *Bull. hist. de la Soc. des antiq. de la Morinie*, vii (1882–6), 682–5 (incomplete).

Date: Stephen was ill at Northampton Easter–Whitsun 1142, and this charter must be earlier than **26.**

26. Arrouaise, Abbey of (23 June 1142, at Lens)

The queen gives seisin of the tithe of Marck (Pas-de-Calais)

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Ego Matildis dei gratia Anglorum regina notificare volo tam posteris quam et presentibus, quomodo ego et filius meus Eustachius, concessione ac jussu domini mei Stephani regis, pro salute animarum nostrarum atque parentum nostrorum decimam de Merc cum universis que ad eam pertinent, quam ex jure paterno hactenus tenui, tradiderim deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Aridagamantia in manus domni Gervasii abbatis viri religiosi et amici nostri dilecti usibus abbatis videlicet et canonicorum

ibidem deo militantium in perpetuum profuturam et ab omni exactione ac jure seculari amodo liberam penitusque absolutam. Et ut hec nostra traditio in posterum firmior et omnino inconvulsa permaneat, libenter concedimus ac devote rogamus quatinus Romane auctoritatis munimento hec nostra quantulacumque largitio corroboretur, et ne qua ecclesiastica secularisve persona deinceps eam mutare minuere seu quoquomodo perturbare presumat, ferula excommunicationis terreat atque constringat. Testibus his: Johanne abb(at)e S(an)c(t)e Marie Bolonie, Ricardo canonico, Thoma cancellario, Ernulfo p(re)posito de Lens, Rob(er)to fr(atr)e ej(us), Alelmo canonicis, Ivone comite Suessionis, Radulfo fratre ejus, Ricardo de Luci, Gerulfo de Lens, Hugone de Sp(er)lecha, Hugone Pluchet. Actum ann oincarnationis dominice M°C°XLII°, feria iii^a^, in vigilia Sancti Johannis Baptiste. Apud Lens.

MS.: Amiens, Bibl. Mun., *MS. 1077, f. 45 (transcript provided by Mr. Ludo Milis of Ghent University).

27. Athelney Abbey (probably 1136–9, at London)

Grant of warren in Lyng (Som.) and Hamp (in Bridgwater, Som.)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] etc. episcopo Bathon(iensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecom(iti) et ministris suis de Somerset salutem. Concedo abbati de Athelneye quod habeat warennam in terra sua de Lenga et de Hamma, et prohibeo ne aliquis in ea fuget nisi per ipsum, super decem librarum forisfactura. Test(ibus) R(ogero) cancellario et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno). Apud London(iam).

MS.: *Transcript of the (lost) Athelney Cartulary by the Revd. G. Harbin (1735); formerly Phillipps MSS., 4810–11, and now in the possession of Dr. David Rogers, c/o the Bodleian Library, Oxford, p. 153, no. 135.

Printed: (abstract) *Athelney Cartulary* (*Som. Rec. Soc.* xiv, 1889), no. 138 (from Harbin's transcript).

Date: Roger of Fécamp occurs as clerk to the chancellors Roger and Philip (*G. de M.* 46, 263), but appears as archdeacon *c.* 1137 in **827**.

28. Athelney Abbey (probably 1154, at London)

Confirmation that the monks may move the old road for their watercourse

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) etc. Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosynam monachis de Athelneye illum conductum et cursum aque quem fecerunt per mediam moram infra ecclesiam suam in australi parte ad commutandum antiquum iter pretereuntibus juxta locum suum. Quare volo et precipio quod cursum illum aque bene et in pace libere et quiete pred(icti) monachi in perpetuum habeant etc. Test(ibus) Henrico ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi), et comite Hugone Bigoto, et Ric(ard)o de Lucy, et Warin(o) de Lusor(is). Apud London(iam).

MS.: *Transcript of the (lost) Athelney Cartulary by the Revd. G. Harbin (1735); formerly Phillipps MSS. 4810–11 and now in the possession of Dr. David Rogers, c/o the Bodleian Library, Oxford; p. 150, no. 132.

Printed: (abstract) *Athelney Cartulary* (*Som. Rec. Soc.* xiv, 1889), No. 138 (from Harbin's transcript).

Date: The fact that Hugh Bigod is an earl strongly suggests a date after the Treaty of Westminster. Cf. **696** and **896**.

29. Aunay, Abbey of (April–Dec. 1154, at Caen)

Duke Henry gives orders for the abbot to hold the churches of Cenilly

H(enricus) dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum P de Sai salutem. Precipio tibi ut facias abbatem de Alneto bene et in pace et juste tenere ecclesias de Cenilleio, sicut eas in curia mea disrationavit apud Rothomagum, et facias ei reddere quicquid Willelmus de Bruilleio inde cepit postquam illas disrationavit. Et si non feceris, Ricardus de Haia illud faciat sine mora. Teste Ricardo de Humetis constabulario. Per Rogerum archidiaconum. Apud Cadomum.

MS.: Original formerly at Saint-Lo in the Archives de La Manche destroyed in 1944.

Printed: *Delisle–Berger no. 67* *C.D.F.*, no. 523 (calendared).

30. Aylesbury, St. Mary (1136–54, at Nottingham)

Confirmation of Robert of Tinchebrai's grant to the church of St. Mary of Aylesbury of half a hide in Quarrendon (co. Bucks.) in return for the right to make a cemetery there

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincol(niensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Buckingehamscira salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Robertus de Tenarchebrai fecit deo et ecclesie beate Marie Ailesberie de dimidia hida terre de Querendona pro concessu cimiterii de Querendona habendum et construendum in eadem villa. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta hanc dimidiam hidam terre teneat, et in perpetuam elemosinam possideat bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut tenet aliam possessionem suam. Testibus com(ite) Sym(one), et Ricard(o) de Canvill(a), et Ricard(o) de Walb(er)i. Apud Notingeham.

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C. *Reg. Antiq., f. 178; Reg. Superantiq., f. 46; and A1/3/7 (*inspeximus* of Ed. III); P.R.O., Chart. R. 9 Ed. III, m. 24.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 85; *C.C.R.* iv. 103.
Date: Foster gives '1135–47' but without stating his reasons.

31. Barking Abbey (1136–March 1137, at Oxford)

Notification that the queen is to have custody of the abbey

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo Sar(esberiensi) salutem. Scias quia concedo Matildi regine ut habeat abbatiam de Berching(a) in custodia sua sicut Matildis regina amita sua unquam illam melius habuit. Quare precipio quod ita bene et libere et quiete illam custodias sicut umquam melius custodisti tempore amite sue. Et concedo quod terra et homines predicte abbatie sint in pace de sciris et hundredis et placitis et querelis et omni occasione excepto murdro et latrocinio. T(estibus) R(ogero) canc(ellario), et R(oberto) de V(er), et Pag(ano) filio Joh(annis). Apud Oxen(efordam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart R. 7 and 8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 284 (no. 8).
Date: Pagan fitz John (brother of Abbess Adelida of Barking) d. 10 July 1137; the king was in Normandy from the third week of March 1137.

32. Barking Abbey (1136–Aug. 1138, at Clarendon)

Granting the abbey to Alice, sister of Pagan fitz John

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Adel(ide) sorori Pag(ani) filii Joh(annis) abbatiam de Berchinges et quicquid illi adjacet. Quare volo et concedo quod ita bene et in pace et honorifice teneat et quiete et libere terram et domum et homines et omnia sua cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenethef cum warpeni et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus suis in burgo et extra per terram et aquam in festis et extra in via et extra et cum omnibus libertatibus ecclesie illius cum quibus aliqua antecessor sua melius et quietius tenuit et sicut illi pertinent ecclesie et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Et reddo et concedo ecclesie Berkingie et abbatisse Adel(ide) omnes boscos et terras suas de Leschold et alias quas Henricus rex afforestavit ut illas excolat et hospitetur. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el), et A(lberico) de Veer, et E(ustachio) filio Joh(annis). Apud Clarend(onam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 7–8 Ric. II, m. 21, Pat. R. 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 18.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 283 (no. 5).
Date: Eustace fitz John had gone over to the Scots by 22 Aug. 1138.

33. Barking Abbey (1139–54, at Barking)

Reduction of hidage in Weston (in Thames Ditton) and Mitcham (Surrey)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Wintoniensi et justicie et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Sudr(eie) salutem. Sciatis quia in perpetuum clamo deo

et ecclesie Beate Marie et Sancte Athelburge et abbatisse de Berchingis et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus terram suam Sudr(cie) quietam scilicet de Westona et de Micham de superplusagio hidagii quod inde solebat requiri. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod terra sua de Westona acquietet se per iii hidas terre et i virgatam, et terra sua de Micham per i hidam. T(estibus) H(enrico) de Essexa, et W(illelmo) Martell, et R(icardo) de Lucy. Apud Berchingam.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 7–8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 283 (no. 4).
Date: Richard de Lucy not before 1139.
Note: In 1086 the abbey held 7 hides in Weston but paid (modo se defendit) only on 3 hides and 1 virgate. In Walton hundred (i.e. at Mitcham) it used to pay on 2 hides but now (1086) only on one (D.B. i. 34).

34. Barking Abbey (1140–52, at Barking)

Grant of Barstable Hundred (Essex) for £16 p.a.

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justitiis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie et Beate Athelburge et Adelid(e) abbatisse de Berchyng(a) et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute mea et Mathildis uxoris mee et Eustacii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum regum Anglorum hundredum de Bardestapla ad tenendum illud in feodum de me in capite per xvi libras reddendas michi inde per annum, quod olim solebat reddere michi decem et octo libras, ita scilicet quod nullus super abbatissam vel ministros suos se inde intromittat, salvis meis regalibus consuetudinibus que ad coronam meam pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et abbatissa et moniales memorate teneant et habeant illud predictum hundredum in feodum et perpetuam elemosinam per illas xvi libras reddendas inde michimet per annum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in terris et theloneis et auxiliis et consuetudinibus, et nominatim terram quam Alselmus tenuit, et cum omnibus aliis terris et rebus que ad illud pertinent, cum quibus erat in manu mea, aut aliquo tempore plenius et melius pertinebant cum socna et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et omnibus aliis libertatibus que ad illud pertinent, et sicut aliquis alius in toto comitatu de Essexa melius vel liberius vel plenius tenet hundredum suum. Et hanc donationem meam optuli super altare Beate Marie et Beate Athelburge in ecclesia de Berching(a) per unum cultellum. Et ut hec donatio mea in perpetuum perduret presentis sigilli mei impressione confirmo et attestatione subscriptorum corroboro. T(estibus) Matild(e) regina, et Will(elm)o comite de Sudsexa, et Will(elm)o Martel, et Adam de Belum, et Rog(er)o de Fraxin(et), et Reinald(o) fil(io) Com(itis), et Henr(ico) de Novom(er)cato, et Ric(ardo) de Valder(i), et Godefrid(o) de Petri villa, et Warn(ero) de Lusoris. Apud Berching(am).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. *7–8 Ric. II, m. 21, Pat. R. 2 Hen. VI pt. 3, m. 18.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 282 (no. 2).
Date: Wm. d'Albini *pincerna* styled Earl of Lincoln late 1139 and early 1140; he was Earl of Sussex by Christmas 1141. The queen d. 3 May 1152.

35. Barking Abbey (1139–52, at Windsor)

Grant of Becontree Hundred (Ess.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justitiis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie beate Marie et Sancte Athelburge de Berchingis et abbatisse et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus hundredum meum de Begetreowa cum omnibus pertinentibus, et clamo eis lxx solidos quietos in perpetuum quos solebam habere de hundredo illo singulis annis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et abbatissa et moniales prefate teneant et habeant hundredum predictum ita bene in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete sicut ecclesia Sancti Edmundi et ecclesia Sancte

Atheldride de Ely tenent et habent hundreda sua, salvis aliis consuetudinibus meis regalibus. T(estibus) M(athilde) regina, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ard)o de Lucy, et Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto), et Fulcon(e) de Oilli. Apud Windr(esoram).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 7 and 8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 284 (no. 7).
Date: After the arrival of William of Ypres and Richard de Lucy, and before the death of the queen.

36. Barking Abbey (1139–52, at Windsor)

Grant of Becontree Hundred (Ess.) in extended form

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justitiis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis *totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia,* pro salute anime mee et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et Eustacii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici regis (*sic*) avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum regum Anglorum, *dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Beate Marie et beate Athelburge et* Adelid(e) *abbatisse* de Berching(is) *et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus hundredum meum de Begetreowa cum omnibus ei pertinentibus. Et clam*avi *eis* lx *solidos quietos in perpetuum, quos solebam habere de hundredo illo singulis annis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et abbatissa et moniales* memorate *teneant* et in perpetuum possideant *hundredum* prenominatum cum omnibus ei pertinentibus in terris et theloneis et auxiliis et omnibus consuetudinibus, ita scilicet quod neque justitia aliqua neque vicecomes neque aliquis minister meus super abbatissam vel ministros suos se inde intromittat de placito aliquo vel de aliqua re que ad hundredum predictum pertineat, set *habeant* illam *bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete* cum saca et socna et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus que ad illud pertinent, scilicet in placito, warpeni, et cum collecta murdri et danegelde et omnibus placitis et aliis rebus, *sicut ecclesia Sancti Edmundi et ecclesia Sancte Atheldrithe de Ely tenent et habent hundreda sua, salvis* tantum placitis corone mee que per justitiam meam debent placitari. Et ut hec donatio mea rata et illibata permaneat presentis sigilli mei impressione confirmo et attestatione subscriptorum corroboro. *M(athilde) regina, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et W(illelmo) Martel, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Fulc(on)e de Oilli, et R(ogero) de Fraxin[eto]. Apud Wyndr(esoram).*

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 7 and 8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 282 (no. 1).
Date: Same occasion as **35**, if genuine; but it may well be a home-made inflation. Passages in italics are common to **35**, and most of the remainder could be supplied from **34**. It is probably a scribal error that makes the quittance 60*s.* in this charter instead of the 70*s.* in **35**.

37. Barking Abbey (1139–54, at London)

Grant of 3 hides in Woolston (in Chigwell, Ess.) given to the abbey by Edward, the queen's servant

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justitiis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Berching(es) et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam iii hidas terre in Wlfhelmestona quas Eadwardus famulus Matild(is) regine ibi tenuit. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta et sanctimoniales terram illam bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et molendinis et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus predicta ecclesia melius et liberius et quietius tenet alias terras suas. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el), Ric(ardo) de Luci, Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis), Hug(one) de Essartis, Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto). Apud Lund(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Charter R. 7–8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 284 (no. 6).
Date: After the arrival of Richard de Luci.

38. Barking Abbey (1139–54, at London)

Confirmation of **37**

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justitiis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et confirmasse, *ecclesie Sancte Marie de Berching et sanctimonialibus* in illa *deo servientibus* donationem illam quam Edwardus famulus Mathild(is) regine eis fecit de *iii hid*is *terre* quas tenuit *in* Ufe*lmeston(a). Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia* illa *et sanctimoniales terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano et in pratis et pascuis in aquis et molendinis et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus* que illi terre pertinent in perpetuam elemosinam sicut predictus Edwardus eam illis dedit. *T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el)*, et *Ric(ardo) de Lucy*, et *Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis)*, et *Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud London(iam).*

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 7–8 Ric. II, m. 21.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 283 (no. 3).
Date: As for **37**. The passages identical with **37** are printed in italics.

39. Barrington, Eustace de (1135–7, at Westminster)

Confirmation of Eustace de Barrington's tenure of his lands in Hatfield (Herts.) and elsewhere

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus dominis de quibus Eustac(hius) de Barentona terram tenet salutem. Precipio quod Eustac(hius) de Barentona ita bene et quiete teneat terras suas et omnes res suas quas tenet de me in capite in Edfelda et alibi, et de quocunque tenet, sicut tenuit die qua rex Henr(icus) fuit vivus et mortuus. Et super hoc non ponatur in plac(ito). Testibus episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 28316 (original, 5″ × 2⅝″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xvi (T.A.M.B., no. 307), with wrapper and tongue but no seal). Copy in Lansdowne MS. 267, f. 254v.
Printed: *H.M.C. 7th Rep.*, 587 (b); T.A.M.B., pl. xviii (b) (*facs.*).
Date: Robert fitz Richard de Clare d. 1137 (after 28 Nov.).

40. Barrington, Eustace de (1135–7, at London)

Confirmation of Eustace de Barrington's tenure of his lands of Hatfield (Herts.), Writtle (Essex), etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et Gaufr(ido) de Magnavilla et vic(ecomiti) et ministr(is) suis de Essexa salutem. Precipio quod Eustach(ius) de Barentona teneat omnes terras suas de Hadfelda et de Writela, de feodo meo, et alias terras suas de feodo Willelmi de Luvetot et Tom(e) de Turroc', et de quocunque teneat, ita bene et in pace et honorifice et juste et libere sic(ut) melius tenuit tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Teste R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Lund(oniam).

MS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 28315 (original, 6 1/10″ × 2 7/10″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 306), with tongue but no seal).
Printed: *H.M.C. 7th Rep.* 587 (b).
Date: As for **39**.

41. Barrington, Humphrey de (1135–8, at Marlborough)

Grant to Humphrey, son of Eustace the forester, of the lands and office of his father

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lund(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus baronibus et ministris suis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse in feodo et hereditate Umfri(do) filio Eustach(ii) forest(arii) totam terram patris sui de Hatfeld' et de Vritela et nominatim terram de Hatfeld' quietam et solutam pro custodia foreste mee. Et preter hoc terram illam que fuit Ade, qui se forisfecit de foresta mea, per xij s. reddend(os) mihi per annum, sicut predictus Adam eam habebat die qua se forisfecit de foresta mea. Et

preterea reddidi ei et concessi ministerium patris sui de forestaria mea, ad tenendum illud de W(illelm)o de Montefichet in Essexa, sicut pater suus Eustach(ius) de ipso Willelmo tenuit. Et omnes forestar(ii) et ministr(i) predicte foreste intendant ipsi Umfr(ido) sicut solebant facere patri suo. Et volo et precipio quod idem Umfr(idus) totam terram predictam cum ministerio patris sui teneat[1] bene et in pace et quiete et libere, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis, cum omnibus libertatibus et quietanciis cum quibus pater suus vel aliquis antecessorum suorum melius et honorificentius tenuit. T(estibus) A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) de V(er), et Gaufr(ido) de Magnavilla, et Gisl(eberto) filio Gisl(eberti). Apud Merleburga(m).

[1] teneat *written above the line.*

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 28318 (original, $6\frac{3}{16} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$", written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 309), with tongue but no seal). P.R.O. Pat. R. 16 Hen. VI, pt. ii, m. 26.
Printed: *H.M.C. 7th Rep.* 587 (b).
Date: Gilbert fitz Gilbert was *cr.* Earl of Pembroke in 1138, under which style he witnesses **42.**

42. Barrington, Humphrey de (1138–48, at Pleshey)

Confirmation of Humphrey de Barrington's tenure of his lands in Hatfield, Writtle, Havering (Essex), and Wethersfield (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baron(ibus) et ministris suis de Essexa salutem. Precipio quod Umfr(edus) de Barentona teneat totam terram suam de Hadfeld(a) et de Write(la) et de Hadfeld(a) et de Havering(a) et de Wihterefeld(a) bene et in pace et juste et libere, ne super hoc ulla fiat ei inde injuria vel contumelia, neque clamorem inde audiam. Teste com(ite) Gisl(eberto). Apud Plaisseit.

MS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 28317 (original, $5\frac{1}{16} \times 2\frac{3}{16}$", written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 308), with stub of tongue and no seal).
Printed: *H.M.C. 7th Rep.* 587 (b).
Date: Gilbert fitz Gilbert *cr.* Earl of Pembroke 1138. (Even if it is Gilbert fitz Richard Earl of Hertford the same date stands, as he was not an earl before 1138 either.)

43. Basset (1144, at Devizes)

The empress and her son Henry restore to Geoffrey Ridel son of Richard Basset all his inheritance in England and Normandy

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina, et H(enricus) fil(ius) ducis Normann(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francig(enis) et Anglic(is) totius Anglie et Normannie salutem. Sciatis nos reddidisse et concessisse Galfr(ido) Ridel filio Ric(ardi) Basset totam hereditatem suam et omnia recta sua ubicumque ea r(ati)one poterit ostendere sive in Normannia sive in Anglia, et totam terram quam pater ejus Ric(ardus) Basset habuit et tenuit jure hereditar(io) de rege H(enrico) vel de quocumque tenuisset in Normannia sive in Anglia, ad tenendum in feodo et hereditate, et totam terram Galf(ridi) Ridel avi sui quamcumque habuit et tenuit jure hereditar(io) in Anglia sive in Normannia de rege H(enrico) vel de quocumque tenuisset, ad tenend(um) in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice teneat in bosco et aquis et in viis et semitis, in pratis et pasturis, in omnibus locis cum soch(e) et sache cum tol et them et infangelethef et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et quietudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus antecessores ejus tenuerunt. T(estibus) cancel(lario), et Rob(erto) com(ite) Glov(er)nie, et Gal(frido) com(ite) Es(s)ex(ie), et Rob(erto) fil(io) Reg(is), et Walch(el)in(o) Maminot, Rog(ero) fil(io) (*sic*). Apud Divis(as).

MS.: B.M. *Sloane Roll, xxxi. 4 (no. 48). Cf. abbreviated version ibid., no. 28.
Printed: *G. de M.* 417.
Date: After Geoffrey of Anjou became Duke of Normandy 23 April 1144 (probably); Robert Earl of Gloucester d. 1147, and Henry's first visit to England ended by March 1144. A date earlier than 1144 is just possible, however, as Geoffrey of Anjou's partisans sometimes called him Duke of Normandy earlier, e.g., charter of William of Ponthieu dated 19 Sept. 1143 (Haskins, 130, n. 24). Geoffrey Earl of Essex is the son of the first earl (who was in the fens from Sept. 1143). *Cf.* **277.** For the subject-matter, cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1389.

44. Basset (June–Nov. 1153, at Wallingford)

Restoration of hereditary lands and rights to Geoffrey Ridel son of Richard Basset

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Galfr(ido) Ridel filio Ric(ardi) Basset totam hereditatem suam et omnia jura sua ubicumque illa poterit ratione ostendere tam in Normannia quam in Anglia, et totam terram quam Ric(ardus) Basset pater suus habuit et tenuit jure hereditario de rege H(enrico) avo meo, vel de quocumque tenuisset sive in Normannia sive in Anglia ad tenendum de me et de heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate. Concedo etiam et reddo ei totam terram Gal(fridi) Ridel avi sui quantum habuit et tenuit jure hereditario in Anglia et in Normannia de rege H(enrico) avo meo vel de quocumque tenuisset. Hec autem omnia illi concedo in feodo et hereditate tenenda de me et de heredibus [meis][1] sibi et heredibus suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus bene et in pace honorifice et quiete teneat in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et extra, in viis et semitis et in omnibus locis cum soc et sacu(m) (*sic*) cum tol et them[2] et infangendethef et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus libero feodo pertinentibus sicut unquam antecessores sui melius et liberius et honorabilius et quietius tenuerant. Test(ibus) Ran(nulfo) com(ite) Cestrie, Regin(aldo) com(ite) Cornub(ie), Will(elm)o com(ite) Glo(ecestrie), R(ogero) com(ite) Hereford(ie), Ric(ardo) du Humesce (*sic*) constabul(ario), Will(elmo) de Colevil, Phelip(po) de Columber(s), Rad(ulfo) Basset, Rob(erto) Walens(e), Hugone de Hamslep. Apud Walengford.

[1] *MS. omits* meis [2] *MS. adds* liberius et honorabilius et quietius tenuerunt, *presumably having jumped a line, as the phrases are repeated below*

MSS.: B.M. *Sloane Roll, xxxi. 4 (Basset Cartulary), item no. 47 with an abbreviated version also at item no. 29.

Date: After Henry took the title of Duke of Aquitaine and while he could have been at Wallingford. Ranulf Earl of Chester died 17 Dec. 1153.

45. Bath Abbey and See (26 Dec. 1135, at Westminster)

Confirming five hides at Weston (Som.) given (in 1100) by Patrick of Chaworth

Regnante domino nostro Ihesu Christo. Ego Stephanus gratia dei rex Anglorum, anno regni mei primo, confirmavi donationem quam Patricius de Caurcis, concessu regis Henrici antecessoris et avunculi mei, tempore Johannis episcopi, donavit deo et Sancto Petro et monachis ecclesie Bathensis, videlicet v hidas Westone ad augmentationem victus eorum in elemosinam. Hoc autem feci pro remedio anime mee et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°XXXV° secunda die natalis domini, apud Westmonasterium, presentibus et id ipsum consulentibus archiepiscopo Cantuariensi Will(elm)o, Henrico fratre meo Wint(oniensi) episcopo, Rogerio Salesber(iensi) episcopo. Signum manus regis Stephani ✠.

MSS.: C.C.C. Cambridge, *MS. cxi, p. 116; B.M., Egerton MS. 3316, f. 32.v

Printed: W. Hunt, *Two Cartularies of the Priory of St. Peter at Bath*, i. 56–57 (*Som. Rec. Soc.* vii. 1893).

Date: As stated in text. Cf. Charter of Bishop Robert of Bath, dated 1135, referring to these 5 hides—'et denuo rex Anglie Stephanus die consecrationis sue apud Westmonasterium reddidit et carta sua confirmavit'.

For general style of this charter see note to 46.

46. Bath Abbey and See (Easter 1136, at Westminster)

Granting the bishopric of Bath to Bishop Robert

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis per totam Angliam constitutis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Rodb(er)to episcopo Bathon(ie) episcopatum Bathon(ie) in terris et in hominibus in dominiis et feodis et in omnibus rebus aliis ad episcopatum pertinentibus,

canonica prius electione precedente, et communi vestro[1] consilio,[1] voto et favore prosequente. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete et libere teneat prefatus episcopus in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in via et semitis, in molendinis et esclusis, in vivariis et piscariis, in mare[sc]is[2] et stagnis, in parcis et fugatiis, in divisis et forestis, in feriis et mercatis, in aquis et extra, in burgis et civitatibus et extra, in omnibus rebus et omnibus locis, cum socna et saca, cum toll et theam et infangenetheof, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietationibus et omnibus rebus aliis cum quibus ecclesia sua et episcopus Joh(anne)s vel aliquis predecessorum suorum episcoporum unquam liberius et plenius et quietius tenuit,[3] tempore meorum predecessorum regum Anglorum. Audientibus et collaudantibus omnibus fidelibus meis hic subscriptis, apud Westmonast(erium) in generalis consilii celebratione et Paschalis fest(ivitatis) solemnitate hoc actum est. Testes Will(el)mo archiepiscopo Cantuar(iensi), Turstino archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Hugone archiepiscopo Rotomag(ensi),[4] Henrico episcopo Wintonie, Rogerio episcopo Saresberie, Alexandro episcopo Lincolie, Nigello episcopo Eliensi, Safaro episcopo Cicestrensi, Rodb(er)to episcopo Herefordensi, Johanne episcopo Roffensi, Bernardo episcopo Sancti David, Symone episcopo Wirecestrensi, Ebrardo episcopo Norwicensi, Audino episcopo Ebroicensi, Johanne episcopo Sagiensi, Algaro episcopo Constanc(iensi), Ricardo episcopo Abricensi, Adelardo episcopo Carl(eolensi), Rogerio cancellario, Henrico nepote regis, Henrico filio regis Scotie, Willelmo comite Warenn(e), Galer[ano][5] comite Metll(enti), Rogerio comite Warwic, Rodb(er)to de Ver conestab(ulario) regis, Milone Gloecestrie conestab(ulario), Alberico de Ver camerar(io), Willelmo de Pont(e) [Archarum] camerar(io), Rodb(er)to filio Ric(ardi) dapifero, Will(elm)o de Albin(eo) pincerna, Rodb(er)to de Fere[riis][6] bar(one), Rodb(er)to Arundel bar(one), Gaufrido de Magnavill(a) bar(one), [I]lberto[7] de Laci bar(one), Will(el)mo Pevrel bar(one), Gaufrido Talebot bar(one).

[1] *A and H* consilio nostro; *Wells Lib. Alb.* communi vestro et concilio
[2] *Lib. Alb.* aqueis
[3] *A and H* tenuerunt
[4] *Lib. Alb. stops here*
[5] *MS.* Galerio
[6] *MS.* Fered
[7] *MS.* Alberto

MSS.: C.C.C. Cambridge, *MS. cxi, p. 117; B.M. Harley MS. 5019, f. 59, and Add. MS. 5485, f. 4 (both from the Cambridge MS.); Wells D. and C., Liber Albus, f. 14v.
Printed: Hunt, op. cit. i. 57.
Date: As stated in text. Cf. **45**, **341**, and **944–9**, all of which are similar in date and form, and are connected with Henry of Blois, Robert of Lewes Bishop of Bath being his special protégé.

47. Bath Abbey and See (probably Jan. 1138, at Goldington, Beds.)

The monks to hold their land at North Stoke (Som.) in peace

Stephanus rex Anglorum Rodb(er)to episcopo Bathonie salutem. Precipio quod monachi de Bathonia ita bene et in pace et juste et honorifice teneant terram suam de Stocha quam Grenta tenuit, sicut eam disrationaverunt contra Modb(er)tum per judicium curie Johannis episcopi, ne super hoc ulla fiat eis inde disturbatio. Et nisi feceris, justitia mea faciat. Teste Rodb(er)to de Ver. Apud Goldintonam.

MS.: C.C.C. Cambridge, *MS. cxi, p. 120.
Printed: Madox, *Hist. Exch.*, 75 n.; Bigelow, 117; Hunt, op. cit. i. 59.
Date: Though the absolute limits are 1135–54, Jan. 1138 is suggested by **342**, which shows the king, Bishop Robert of Bath, and Robert de Vere all at Goldington 'in obsidione Bedefordie'.
Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1201 and 1302. Bishop John gave his judgment on 30 June 1121 (Hunt, i. 49–51).

48. Bath Abbey and See (1135–54)

Quittance from tolls

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus prepositis et omnibus ministris totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res monachorum Bathonie quas homines sui poterint affidare suas esse dominicas sint quiete de omni theloneo et passagio et consuetudine. Et prohibeo super hoc quod nullus

eos vel res suas injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(este) Rodb(er)to de Ver. Apud Westmonasterium.

MS.: C.C.C. Cambridge, *MS. cxi, p. 117.
Printed: Hunt, op. cit. i. 57.

49. Bath Abbey and See (Apr.–Dec. 1154, at Rouen)

Duke Henry confirms the gift of Cameley (Som.) to the priory

Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavensis omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Beati Petri de Bathonia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus manerium de Cameleia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sicut Beatricia mater Alexandri de Alnoio et ipse Alexander et fratres ejus illud monachis predictis vendiderunt et in elemosinam perpetuam concesserunt, et sicut carta Willelmi comitis Gloecestrie coram quo manerium illud eis fuit concessum ab Alexandro et fratribus suis et matre sua testatur. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ecclesia predicta et monachi manerium illud bene et in pace libere quiete et honorifice teneant in perpetuum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco in plano in pratis in pascuis in viis in semitis in molendinis et in omnibus rebus. Teste Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Will(elm)o comite Gloecestrie, Man[assero] Bis[e]t[1] dapifero, Guarino filio Geroldi camerario. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *MS.* Manserio Bisot

MS.: C.C.C. Cambridge, *MS. cxi, pp. 124–5.
Printed: Hunt, op. cit. i. 63.
Date: determined by Duke Henry's title and the place. Earl William of Gloucester's charter is dated 1153, and is printed in Hunt, op. cit. i. 62–63.

50. Battle Abbey (1135–7, at Hastings)

General confirmation

Steph(anus) dei gratia rex Angl(orum) omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris suis totius Anglie in quorum vicecomitatibus abbas de Bello terras habet et decimas salutem. Precipio quod abbas et monachi de Bello ita bene et honorifice et quiete et in pace et juste et libere teneant omnes terras suas et omnia sua sicut rex Will(elmu)s avus meus eis dedit et concessit per cartam suam et sicut rex Henricus eis hoc confirmavit per brevia sua. Et prohibeo ne aliquis se intromittat de rebus suis nisi per ipsos, nec eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam faciat super forisfacturam meam sicut rex Henricus hoc precepit per breve suum. T(estibus) canc(ellario), et R(oberto) fil(io) Ric(ardi). Ap(u)d Hasting(as).

MSS.: San Marino, Huntington Lib., *Battle Abbey Papers, vol. 29, f. 34; London, Lincoln's Inn, MS. 87, f. 16.
Date: Robert fitz Richard de Clare d. late in 1137.

51. Battle Abbey (spurious)

Confirmation in diploma form

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Ego Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl(orum) notum facio archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justiciis et omnibus ministris et fidelibus meis totius Anglie Francis et Anglis, quod concedo et regali auctoritate confirmo pro anima gloriosi regis Willelmi avi mei et pro animabus avunculorum meorum Willelmi videlicet et Henrici regum, et pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum filiorum meorum donationem illam cum omnibus regalibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus quam idem inclitus rex Willelmus avus meus fecit ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello quam fundavit ex voto et sic appellari voluit ob victoriam a deo sibi in eodem loco concessam, scilicet ut ipsa ecclesia cum leuga circumquaque sibi adjacente sit libera et quieta ab omni subjectione et exactione episcoporum et aliarum quarumlibet personarum dominatione, sicut ecclesia Christi Cant(uariensis), et ab omni consue-

tudine terrene servitutis et geldo et scoto et hidag(io) et danegeld(o) et opere pontium et castell(orum) et parcorum et clausur(is) et exercit(u) et omnibus auxiliis et placitis et querelis et sires et hundr(edis) cum saca et soca et thol et theam et infangenetheof et warpen(i) et lestas et hamsocne et forstal et blodwite et cildwite et latrocinio et murdro. Similiter manerium de Wy cum appendiciis suis, et Alsistun(am), Limenesfeld, Ho, Bromham, Brithwoldinton(am), Craumareis, Apeldreham, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, libera et quieta cum supradictis libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus. Si vero thesaurus in ipsa leuga vel in terris ipsius ecclesie inventus fuerit, abbatis et monachorum sit totus. Warennam propriam in ipsa leuga et in omnibus maneriis suis habeat. Mercatum etiam in manerio de Wy concedo. Similiter ecclesiam Sancti Olavi de Exonia, et ecclesiam de Coluntun(a), et ecclesiam Sancti Johannis de Brechonn(a) cum terris et decimis, et omnibus rebus ad eas pertinentibus. Illas etiam ecclesias quas avunculus meus Willelmus rex dedit in dedicationem ipsius ecclesie de Bello, scilicet ecclesiam de Sanford cum terris et decimis ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus et ecclesiam de Exelinges similiter cum terris et decimis ad eam pertinentibus de annona et de omni pecunia. Ecclesiam de Trilawe, ecclesiam de Middehala, ecclesiam de Nortun(a); similiter ecclesiam de Eilesham cum berwicis ad illam pertinentibus, scilicet Stevekaie, Scepdene, Brundele, ecclesiam de Mendlesham cum Andreustou. Ecclesiam de Bra(m)ford cum berwicis ad eam pertinentibus, videlicet Brustele, Eilbrithestou, et ecclesiam de Bra(n)tham cum terris et decimis et berwicis, scilicet Bercolt, Scothlege, Seeluelege, Benethlege, concedo et confirmo. Et si aliquis ex baronibus meis vel hominibus aliquid de suo eidem ecclesie in elemosinam dederit, easdem omnino libertates habeat quas habet in supradictis maneriis. Omnes igitur supradictas libertates et regales consuetudines concedo et confirmo supradicte ecclesie et monachis ibidem deo servientibus sicut carta regis Willelmi avi mei et carte filiorum ejus regum testantur.

Steph(anu)s + Rex Angl(orum), Eustachi(us) fili(us) ejus, Will(elmu)s Cant(uariensis) archiep(is)c(opus), Ric(ardus) Lundon(iensis) ep(is)(c(opus), Jocelin(us) Saresb(eriensis) ep(is)c(opus), Hillari(us) Cicestr(ensis) ep(is)c(opus), Will(elmu)s de Ripa, Will(elmu)s Feram(us), Rob(ertu)s de Torneham, Rob(ertu)s de Creveq(u)er, Ric(ardus) de Luci.

MSS.: San Marino, Huntington Lib.,* Battle Abbey Papers, vol. 29, f. 33; London, Lincoln's Inn, MS. 87, f. 16.

Date: The witnesses are mutually incompatible. Archbishop William d. 21 Nov. 1136, Richard de Belmeis I Bishop of London 1108–27, or Richard de Belmeis II Bishop of London 1152–62; Jocelin Bishop of Salisbury 1142–84; Hilary Bishop of Chichester 1146–69.

52. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50 (probably 1144–7), at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey orders that Bp. Philip is to hold the lands of the church of Bayeux; any dispute to be settled by the sworn oath of lawful men of the district as to who had seisin in the time of bp. Odo (1049–97)

[G] Dux Normannorum et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus baronibus suis justiciis baill (ivis) et omnibus fidelibus suis Norm(annie) salutem. Volo et precipio quod Phil(ippus) Baiocen(sis) episcopus teneat omnes terras suas tam in dominiis quam in feodis et omnes teneduras suas ita plenarie et honorifice sicut Odo episcopus unquam melius et liberius tenuit. Et quia, sicut bene novimus, res Baiocensis ecclesie per negligentiam aut per impotentiam antecessorum suorum male disperse sunt, et a pluribus occupate, volo et precipio quod si de aliqua tenedura orta fuerit contentio inter episcopum et aliquem de suis hominibus per juramentum legitimorum hominum[1] vicinie in qua hoc fuerit, sit recognitum quis saisitus inerat tempore Odonis episcopi, vel ipse episcopus vel ille cum quo erit contentio. Et quod inde recognitum fuerit firmiter teneatur nisi ille qui tenet poterit ostendere quod tenedura illa in manus suas postea venerit jure hereditario aut tali donatione que juste debeat stare, et hoc in curia episcopi vel in mea. Volo etiam et precipio et prohibeo ne aliquis pro facienda justicia nec pro alio intrent (*sic*) in terram episcopi Baiocensis nisi illi servientes qui ab antiquo ad hoc constituti sunt, et qui hoc faciebant tempore Henrici regis, nec isti

[1] *MS.* hominium

etiam hoc faciant nisi sicut justum fuerit. T(este) Com(ite) Mell(en)t(i). Apud Roth-(omagum).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 5ᵛ.
Printed: V. Bourrienne, *Antiquus Cartularius Ecclesiae Baiocensis*, i. 22.
Date: Bourrienne attributes this charter to Duke Henry, but mistakenly. See Haskins, 133. Waleran of Meulan was away on crusade 1147–9, and it is likely (but not certain) that this charter would date from before his crusade. Geoffrey became Duke of Normandy in 1144. For the dates of **52–7** see Haskins, 205, n. 37.

53. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50 (and probably 1144–7), at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the leugata of Cambremer, whose boundaries are to be verified by sworn inquest

[G] dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Rag(inaldo) de S(an)cto Walerico, Roberto de Novoburgo, et omnibus justiciariis suis de Normannia salutem. Volo et concedo quod ecclesia Beate Marie Baiocensis et Ph(ilippus) episcopus et successores ejus habeant et teneant leugatam de Cambremario ita bene et integre et honorifice sicut Odo episcopus eam tenuit cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas in ea tenuit in tempore Willelmi regis senioris et sicut Ric(ardus) filius Sansonis eam melius habuit tempore Henrici regis. Propterea mando vobis et precipio quod faciatis recognosci per sacramentum proborum hominum de vicinio terminos leuge et consuetudines et forisfacturas et verendam, et faciatis hec omnia habere et tenere in pace Phil(ippo) ep(iscop)o sicut predicti antecessores ejus ea melius habuerunt in temporibus predictorum regum. Si quis vero ei inde resistere voluerit, precipio vobis quod firmam justiciam inde faciatis. Testibus Hug(one) Roth(omagensi) archiep(iscopo), Ric(ardo) cancell(ario), Raginaldo de S(anc)to Walerico, Rob(erto) de Novoburgo. Apud Rothomag(um).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 5ᵛ.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 24.
Date: Before the inquest was made. See **52**. The witnesses are the same as in **57**.

54. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50, and probably 1144–7, at Le Mans)

Duke Geoffrey orders a fief in Virville to be restored to the bishop, giving further instructions for an inquest

[G] dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) E(ngengero) de Buhun salutem. Mando tibi et precipio quod dimittas episcopo Baiocensi in pace feudum militis quod Robertus Marinus de ipso tenebat Wireville et feudum suum quod Willelmus de Moiun de ipso apud Munmartin tenere debet, quod hucusque injuste occupasti. Quod nisi feceris, precipio quod justicia mea R(icardus) de Haia secundum assisiam meam recognosci faciat predictum feodum episcopi quomodo antecessores sui tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et sicut recognitum fuerit, ita episcopum in pace tenere faciat. Et te, Engeng(er)e, precor ne de aliquo injuste fatiges episcopum, quia ego non paterer quod de jure suo aliquid injuste p(er)deret. Tibi etiam, Ricarde Lahaia, precipio quod per totam bailiam tuam secundum assisiam meam recognosci facias feudum episcopi Baiocensis et ipsum in pace tenere sicut recognitum fuerit secundum assisiam meam. Teste Pag(ano) de Clar(is) Vall(ibus). Apud Cen(omannum).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 7ᵛ.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 32; Bigelow, 392; Brunner, *Die Entstehung der Schwurgerichte* (1872), 80, 302; Stapleton, *Magn. Rot. Scacc. Norm.* i, p. xxxiv; Haskins, 210; *C.D.F.*, no. 1439.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke, and before the inquests.

55. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50, and probably 1144–7, at Le Mans)

Duke Geoffrey orders assizes of recognition for the fief of William Bersic, and the land of Cramesnil and Rocquancourt

[G] dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) G(uidoni) de Sableio et R(oberto) de Curc(eio) justiciis suis salutem. Mando vobis quod sine mora recognosci faciatis

secundum asisiam meam de feodo Guillelmi Bersic et de servitio ejusdem quis inde saisitus erat tempore regis Henrici. Et si recognitum fuerit quod episcopus Baiocensis inde saisitus esset vivente rege Henrico, ei habere et tenere in pace faciatis. Preterea vobis mando quod recognosci faciatis secundum asisiam meam de terra de Crasmesnil et de Rochencort quis inde saisitus erat tempore regis Henrici. Et si recognitum fuerit quod Gauq(ue)linus de Corceliis inde saisitus esset eo tempore, ei in pace tenere faciatis. Et prohibete Roberto filio Erneis ne aliquid ei forifaciat neque sui homines. Et si Rob(ertus) fili(us) Erneis sive sui homines aliquid inde ceperint postquam precepi in Epipph(an)ia Domini quod terra esset in pace donec juraretur cujus deberet esse, reddere faciatis. Teste P(agano) de Clar(is) Vall(ibus). Apud Cenom(anum).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 7v.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 33; Bigelow, 393; Brunner, *Die Entstehung der Schwurgerichte*, 302; Haskins, 210.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke, and before the inquests.

56. Bayeux Cath. and See (18 Mar. 1145–Mar. 1150, and probably 1145–7)

Duke Geoffrey informs Abp. Hugh about the inquest at Cambremer

[G] dux Normannor(um) et comes Andeg(avorum) Hugoni dei gratia Rothomag(ensi) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis Normannie et omnibus baronibus salutem. Christianorum principum est sua ecclesiis jura inconcussa illibataque conservare, et si aliquatenus fuerint imp(ro)borum hominum vexatione turbata vel imminuta ad pristinum sue rectitudinis statum quamtocius revocare. Eapropter quia Baiocensis ecclesia post tempora Odonis episcopi multa de jure suo perdiderat per subsequentium episcoporum incuriam, qui minus in conservando vigiles extiterunt, nos predicte ecclesie in oppressionibus suis compatientes, juramento antiquorum et legitimorum hominum, qui rem noverant, fecimus recognosci jura possessiones consuetudines libertates supradicte ecclesie quascunque habuerat in tempore Odonis episcopi, vestigiis regis Henrici inherentes, qui hoc idem juramento antiquorum hominum fecerat recognosci post mortem Ricardi episcopi filii Sansonis [1133/4]. Cujus factum bone memorie Lucius[1] et Eugenius[2] pape approbantes, donationes venditiones commutationes ab omnibus episcopis factas post Odonem episcopum usque ad Philippum, cassaverunt et irritas esse preceperunt. Nos igitur predictorum patrum nostrorum Lucii pape et Eugenii litteris commoniti, et precibus Philippi Baiocensis episcopi compulsi, juramentum quod rex Henricus fieri fecerat ratum esse volentes, juramento eorumdem qui tempore regis Henrici juraverunt et aliorum recognosci fecimus jura possessiones consuetudines libertates quas ecclesia Baiocensis tempore Odonis episcopi habuerat et habere debebat. Recognita est igitur inter cetera leugata de Cambremerio apud Falesiam coram Rob(er)to de Novoburgo et coram Rotb(er)to de Curceio justiciis meis,[3] juramento antiquorum et legitimorum hominum qui subscripti sunt. Juramento itaque hominum de terra Rotb(er)ti de Monteforte, scilicet Ricardi de Warlainmont et Ricardi de Altaribus; et de terra Rogeri de Gowit, Roberti de Huchemainne; de terra abbatis de Sancto Petro super Divam, Ricardi filii Milonis, Rogeri filii Odonis, Hugonis Taissun. Amis de terra Simonis de Bosvilla, Gaut(er)i Britto[nis],[4] Roberti filii Milonis, Willelmi de Brueria, Radulfi de Luto, Ricardi Parvi; de terra Rogeri de Gratepanche, Ricardi Durum Scutum, Hugonis filii Ricardi; et de terra Gaut(er)i de Pinu juramento Ricardi Verroil; de terra Hug(onis) de Crevecor, Ricardi de Fraisneto; de terra Rob(er)ti Marmiun juramento Gocelini Vairun; recognita leugata est et consuetudines et emende et termini quibus leuga continetur. Juraverunt itaque predicti homines quod episcopus Baiocensis habet et habere debet, et quod Ricardus episcopus filius Sansonis habuerat in tempore regis Henrici de hominibus omnibus infra terminos manentibus statum theloneum de omni emptione et venditione infra terminos facta ex consuetudine, necnon et telonei non redditi et sanguinis ibidem facti constitutam emendam. Juraverunt etenim quod licebat preposito episcopi per

[1] Bull of Lucius II dated 16 May 1144 (Bourrienne, no. clvii).
[2] Bull of Eugenius III dated 18 Mar. 1145 (Bourrienne, no. clxxiii).
[3] Their own notifications to the duke is undated (Bourrienne, nos. xliii, xliv).
[4] *MS.* Brittoi(us)

omnes terras infra terminos leugate justiciam suam libere exercere. Termini autem leugate hii sunt: incipit autem a Petra de Houcemai(n)ne et distenditur usque in Alegot fluvium; deinde protenditur sicut Alegot currit dum cadat in viam fluvium; abhinc sicut via discurrit donec Oreta aqua cadat in eandem; subinde sicut Oreta descendit a vado Sancti Germani de Livet; et inde distenditur per domum Ricardi Garet usque ad butam Manerbe; abhinc autem per medium Gratepance ad Petram de Houcemai(n)ne unde incipit. Ceterorum maneriorum occupationes jurate sunt Baioc(is) coram Ricardo de Haia et Roberto de Novoburgo et Roberto de Curceio et coram Engelgero de Bohone, a nobis ad hoc faciendum transmissis, congregatis ad hoc jurandum de singulis maneriis plurimis antiquis et legitimis hominibus quorum juramento ita omnino recognitum est, sicut continebatur in scripto quod factum fuerat secundum juramentum quod rex Henricus antea fieri preceperat. Recognitum est igitur inter cetera quod Carchenneiu(m) et Wolleium fuerant de dominico Odonis episcopi et esse debebant subsequentium episcoporum, et fossa Luchunc et mareschum et h(er)bergium ejus cum ju(n)co et arundine, ita quod Odo episcopus et Toroldus et Ricardus filius Sansonis ea in dominico suo habuerunt. Omnia igitur hec et cetera quecumque de jure Baioc(ensis) ecclesie ablata sunt precipimus ad jus ecclesie predicte redire, et in potestate episcoporum de cetero firmiter inconcusseque permanere. T(estibus) Ricardo cancellario, Roberto de Novoburgo, Rob(er)to de Curceio, Comite Ebroicense, Amauricio de Maistenone, Gaufrido de Cleis, Gufero de Brueria.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 9v.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 45.
Date: After the bull of Eugenius III (18 Mar. 1145) and while Geoffrey was duke.

57. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50, probably 1144–7, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the cathedral's lands, esp. Carcagny and Vouilly as recognized by a jury in the choir of Bayeux Cathedral

[G] dux Norman(orum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Rag(inaldo) de Sancto Walerico, Willelmo de Vernone, Roberto de Novoburgo et omnibus justiciis et proceribus suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo et confirmo ecclesie Sancte Marie Baioc(ensis) et Philippo episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus omnes terras et consuetudines quas Odo episcopus habuit in episcopatu Baioc(ensi), et nominatim terram de Carchenneio et terram de Voilleia sicut recognitum fuit et juratum in choro Baiocensis ecclesie quod predictus Odo eas habuerat in dominio, astantibus ibidem per preceptum nostrum ad hoc audiendum Rob(er)to de Curceio dapifero nostro, Ricardo de Haia et aliis quam pluribus. Testibus Hug(one) Rothom(agensi) archiepiscopo, Ric(ardo) cancell(ario) n(ost)ro, Rag(inaldo) de S(anc)to Walerico, Rob(er)to de Novoburgo. Apud Roth(omagum).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 6.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 25.
Date: At about the time of the inquests in **56**. The witnesses are the same as in **53**.

58. Bayeux Cath. and See (Sept. 1146, at Devizes)

Composition with Robert Earl of Gloucester, made in the presence of the empress

Robertus regis filius Gloec(estrie) consul, dap(ifero) suo et omnibus baronibus suis et amicis atque fidelibus suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quieta Ph(ilippo) Baioc(ensi) ep(iscop)o tota feoda Ilberti et Gilberti de Laceio que de Baiocensi ecclesia et de episcopo tenebant apud Laceium et apud Campels vel alibi, preter meum proprium feodum et molendinum de Crevequor quod comes Rannulfus apud Baioc(as) de episcopo tenebat. Clamo etiam ei quietum hoc quod habebam apud Anaerias de dono Ricardi Sansonis filii Baiocensis episcopi, scilicet feodum Malleurer et totum feodum quod Eudo dap(ifer) tenuit apud Sanctum Clarum preter meum proprium feodum, et nominatim feriam et totum feodum quod idem Eudo dap(ifer) apud Mattonum vel in ejus pertinentiis de Baiocensi ecclesia. Et ut episcopus hoc feodum de Mattono predictum bene in pace atque quiete per quinquennium teneat, ego Robertus comes Gloec(estrie) auxiliabor illi pro

posse meo erga ducem Norm(annorum), absque mee pecunie donatione et sine guerra facienda. Et quando heres Eudonis dap(iferi) hereditatem suam recuperaverit, de Baioc(ensi) ecclesia et de episcopo hec predicta feoda in capite tenebit. Et hec ideo eidem Phi(lippo) Baiocen(si) ep(iscop)o clamo quieta, quia ipse mihi concessit tenere, dum vixerit, cum honore meo de Hebreceio, terram Rogeri Suhardi, unde loquela inter me et episcopum fuit, et terram Rogeri Malifiliastri quam Ricardus Samsonis filius Baiocensis episcopus michi dedit concessu Baiocensis capituli et regis Henrici, et unde habet cartam ejusdem Ric(ardi) ep(iscop)i et capituli sigillo eorum sigillatam, salva omni servitio quod tota predicta terra debet Sancte Marie Baioc(ensis) ecclesie facere. Sciatis quoque quod idem Ph(ilippus) Baioc(ensis) ep(iscopus) mihi concessit tenere terram quam Rann(ulfus) comes Cestrie de eadem Baioc(ensi) ecclesia tenebat, salvo servitio ipsius Baioc(ensis) ecclesie, donec talis heres adveniat quem dux Norman(norum) justum heredem ipsius Ranulfi comitis Cestrie recognoscat; et postea idem heres eandem terram de ecclesia Baiocensi et de episcopo in capite teneat. Et hii sunt testes ex parte comitis Gloec(estrie): Reinaldus comes Cornubie, Stephanus de Mannavilla, Gaufridus de Waltervilla, Osb[ertus Octodenariis],[1] Rad(ulfus) de Hast(ingis), Walchelinus Maminot, Steph(anus) de Bello Campo, Ric(ardus) de Humet(o). Et hii sunt testes ex parte episcopi: Herbertus cantor, Gilb(er)tus prior de Arden(na), Will(elmus) custor (*sic*), Hunfrid(us) et Paganus clerici, Walchelinus Maminot, Ricard(us) de Humet(o), Robertus filius Exup(er)ii. Et ista compositio et concordia inter episcopum et me facta est apud Divisas in presentia Mathildis imp(er)atricis, anno ab incarnatione Domini MCXLVI in mense Septembri.

[1] *MS.* Osb(er)n(us) Oitd'

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 10v.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 48.

59. Bayeux Cath. and See (1147, at Argentan)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the gift by Robert de Neufbourg of the church of Hérils and half the church of Sommervieu (Calvados) to the subcantor

[G] dux Normann(orum) et comes And(egavorum) Philippo dei gratia Baiocensis ecclesie episcopo et Ricard(o) decano totique ejusdem ecclesie capitulo salutem. Notum vobis fieri volumus quod ecclesiam de Heriz cum omnibus decimis totius ville et cum terris illis quas Gozelinus succentor et Rogerus antecessor illius in eadem villa cum ecclesia habuerunt, dimidiam etiam ecclesiam de Summerveio cum omnibus pertinentibus ad eam, petitione Roberti de Novoburgo de cujus feodo sunt, qui in presentia nostra eas se dedisse Sancte Marie Baiocar(um) in p(er)sonatum succentorie confessus est, in eundem p(er)sonatum confirmamus et deinde in perpetuum ratum teneri precipimus. T(este) Roberto de Novoburgo. Apud Arg(entonam). Factum est hoc anno MCXLVII.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 27v.
Printed; Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 125.

60. Bayeux Cath. and See (1144–50, and probably 1144–7, at Bayeux)

Duke Geoffrey announces that Richard de Hommet has done fealty to the bishop and surrendered his customs in Luchon (Calvados)

[G] dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) justiciis suis et baronibus de Normannia salutem. Sciatis quod Ricardus de Hu(m)mez juravit episcopo Baiocensi Ph(ilippo) fidelitatem sicut domino suo coram me Baiocis. Et ibidem dimisit ei aquam suam de fos(s)a Luchun et forestam de consuetudine quam in eis clamabat, dimisit inquam quieta et absoluta nisi ex voluntate episcopi. Et si Ricardus in eis jus clamaverit, episcopus tenebit ei inde rectitudinem in curia sua. T(este) ipso comite. Apud Baiocas.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, * Livre Noir, f. 6.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 25.
Date: See **56**.

61. Bayeux Cath. and See (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Falaise)

Duke Henry confirms the restoration of the property of the see as decided by sworn recognitions

(H)enricus dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) H(ugoni) dei gratia Rothom-(agensi) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis comitibus et baronibus suis de Normannia salutem. Quoniam ecclesia Baiocensis post mortem Odonis episcopi per subsequentium episcoporum impotentiam, cum per eorumdem negligentiam et per venditiones et donationes et commutationes ab ipsis factas fere ad nichilum redacta erat, ne funditus ecclesia predicta destrueretur, provide Henricus rex avus meus instituit ut juramento antiquorum hominum, qui rem norant, recognoscerentur tenedure jamdicte ecclesie sicut fuerant in tempore predicti Odonis tam in dominicis quam in feodis militum vavassorum et rusticorum. Ipsius equidem tempore hec omnia jurata sunt et recognita, et sepedicte ecclesie precepto ejus resignata, et munimine carthe sue, quocumque modo a possessione ecclesie alienata essent, reddita sunt et confirmata. Subinde Gaufridus comes Andeg(avorum) pater meus commonitione et precepto apostolicorum virorum Lucii et Eugenii, qui omnium episcoporum Baiocensium ab Odone usque ad Philippum succedentium donationes et venditiones et commutationes et omnes alienationes quas de predicte ecclesie beneficiis fecerant irritas esse preceperunt, item dominica et feoda et omnes Baiocensis ecclesie teneduras sicut fuerant in tempore Henrici regis jurata juramento fecit recognosci, et sicut Baiocensis ecclesia in tempore Odonis episcopi tenuerat ea ex integro eidem ecclesie resignavit et cartha sua confirmavit. Vestigiis igitur antecesssorum meorum, avi scilicet et patris, inherere concupiscentes, et patrum meorum apostolicorum Lucii et Eugenii commonitioni et precepto obtemperare volentes et debentes, mandamus et precipimus ut dominica et feoda et possessiones libertates et consuetudines Baiocensis ecclesie, et omnes tenedure quas habuit in tempore Odonis episcopi, sicut unquam ea melius et liberius in tempore ejus habuit juramento legitimorum et antiquorum hominum qui rem norint recognoscantur sicut fuer(un)t jurata et recognita in tempore avi mei et patris. Ea itaque omnia sepememorate ecclesie reddimus concedimus et confirmamus. Teste (*sic*) Garino fil(io) Gir(ardi), Will(el)mo filio Ham(onis), Manessero Biset. Apud Falesiam.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 5.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 20; Delisle–Berger, no. 33*.
Date: After the death of Geoffrey Count of Anjou, and before Henry came to England in Jan. 1153.

62. Bayeux Cath. and See (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

Duke Henry forbids a market at Crèvecœur (Calvados)

(H)enricus dux Normann[orum] et comes And(egavorum) Willelmo de Ansg(er)villa et Sim(oni) de Bosvilla et Artardo Polcino et ballivis suis de Oxim(en)s(i) et Alge(n)s(i) pat(r)ia omnibus salutem. Mando vobis et precipio ut prohibeatis omnes homines de balliis vestris ne ipsi eant ad forum de Crevecor, nec permittatis quod ibi mercatum teneatur nisi ego prius vobis precepero. Teste G[uarino][1] fil(io) Giroldi. Apud Rothomag(um).

[1] *MS.* Gaur(ino)

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 10v.
Printed: Stapleton, *Magn. Rot. Scacc. Norm.* i, p. xxxiv; Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 48; Delisle–Berger, no. 43*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1440 (calendared).
Date: As for **61.** The writ is in response to a letter of Pope Eugenius III dated 9 Feb. 1150 (Bourrienne, no. clxxxvii).

63. Bayeux Cath. and See (Apr.–Dec. 1154, at Lisieux)

Duke Henry announces that William Crassus has quitclaimed his land at Asnières (Calvados) for 20 marks

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus baronibus et justiciis suis de Baiocasino salutem. Sciatis quod Willelmus Crassus clamavit quietam terram de Ancariis Philippo episcopo Baiocensi que est de feodo suo pro xx marcis

quas dedit ei Cadomi, quam habuit pater ejus de Roberto comite Gloecest(rie) qui eam habuerat in vadimonio pro xx marcis. T(este) Roberto de Novoburgo. Apud Lex(ovium).

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 5v.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 22; Delisle–Berger, no. 73*.

64. Bayeux Cath. and See (Apr.–Dec. 1154, at Rouen)

Duke Henry grants, first to William the treasurer and then to the bp., a stone house in Bayeux which Conan the treasurer had given as mortgage to Henry I for 300 silver marks

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) H(ugoni) archiepiscopo Rothom(agensi) et omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus justici(is) vicecomitibus et omnibus suis fidelibus salutem. Sciatis quod quando dominia mea de Baiocis apud Cadomum recognita fuerunt per sacramenta legalium hominum de Baiocis, inter alia recognitum fuit regem Henricum avum meum domum lapideam que fuit Conani thesaurarii et virgultum ejusdem post mortem ipsius Conani in dominio suo habuisse propter trecentas marcas argenti quas Conanus, die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, ipsi regi Henrico debebat. Et quia predicta pecunia regi Henrico vel suo heredi a nullo Conani herede postea reddita fuit, consideratione baronum meorum et domus et virgultum in dominio meo remansit, donec pecunia illa a justo Conani herede mihi redderetur. Ego vero et domum illam et virgultum Willelmo de Herecuria thesaurario Baiocensi tota vita sua habendam concessi, nisi supradicta pecunia a justo Conani herede interim sibi redderetur. Post mortem vero Willelmi Baiocensis episcopus quicumque fuerit domum illam et virgultum libere et quiete perpetuo possideat, donec sibi pecunia illa a justo Conani herede reddatur. Quare volo et precipio ut Willelmus thesaurarius domum illam cum virgulto tota sua vita libere et quiete et honorifice modo supradicto teneat. T(estibus) Ar(nulfo) Lexoviensi ep(iscop)o, Ric(ardo) de Humez constabulario, Manes(sero) Biset dapifero, Roberto de Dunstanvilla, Jocelino de Bauliolo, Willelmo filio Joh(annis). Apud Cadomum facta est recognitio, sed apud Rothomagum concessio facta est Willelmo thesaurario, et carta ibidem data.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, *Livre Noir, f. 5.
Printed; Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 19; Delisle–Berger, no. 68*.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy.

65. Bayeux Cath. and See (Apr.–Dec. 1154, at Rouen)

Duke Henry confirms further business of the treasurer's house at Bayeux

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) Hugoni archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis et amicis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quod quando dominia mea de Baiocis Cadomi recognita sunt per sacramentum legitimorum hominum, quomodo tempore H(enrici) regis fuerant, inter cetera ibi recognitum fuit quod rex H(enricus) post mortem Conani thesaurarii, domum ejus lapideam cum toto masuagio et virgultum ejusdem Conani, quod est extra murum Baioc(arum), in dominio suo habuit, propter trecentas marcas argenti quas idem Conanus ei debebat in die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Predictam vero pecuniam Ricardus Baioc(ensis) episcopus postea regi reddidit, et rex concessit ei domum et virgultum predictum cum pertinentiis, tenenda donec predicta pecunia a justo Conani herede episcopo redderetur. Quapropter ego, consideratione baronum meorum, predictam domum et virgultum cum pertinentiis Philippo episcopo, qui de jure suo illa esse dicebat, libere reddidi et concessi, tenenda sibi vel illi cui ea daret, donec pecunia predicta a justo Conani herede episcopo vel illi reddatur cui ea dederit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod Willelmus de Herowcur(ia) thesaurarius, cui episcopus predicta donavit, domum illam et virgultum cum pertinentiis bene et in pace integre et honorifice tota vita sua teneat, nisi sibi interim pecunia prefata reddita fuerit a justo Conani herede. Post obitum vero Willelmi, domus et virgultum et pertinentia in jus cujusque episcopi Baiocensis redeant, et sic illa Baiocensis episcopus possideat, donec a justo Conani herede pecunia supradicta sibi

reddatur. Testes vero recognitionis Cadomi facte et redditionis ibidem facte episcopo consideratione baronum hii sunt: Ricardus de Humez constab(u)l(arius), Ricardus de Haia, W(illelmus) filius Johannis, M(anasser) Biset dapifer, G(uarinus) filius Ger(oldi) camerarius, Robertus de Dunstanvilla, Jocelinus de Baill(olio), Eudo filius Gotberti, R(obertus) filius Exsuperii, G. filius Mabil(ie). Testes donationis thesaurario facte et carte sunt: M(athildis) imperatrix, Arn(ulfus) episcopus Lexoviensis, Man(asserus) Biset dapifer, Guar(inus) filius Geroldi camerarius, Robertus de Dunstan(villa), Jocelinus de Baill(olio). Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, G (Evêché de Bayeux) original (not seen); Bayeux Cath. Archives, Livre Noir, f. 36^{v} (copy).
Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. 76* (from the original); Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 167.

66. Bayeux Cath. and See (Oct. 1154, at Torigni)

Duke Henry announces that Geoffrey de Clinton has recognized that he has mortgaged his land at Douvres (Calvados) to the bishop, and recognized the treasurer's right to the land of 'Conion'

Henricus dux Normann[orum] et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) A(rnulfo) Lexov(iensi) episcopo et Ric(ardo) de Haia dap(ifero) et omnibus aliis justiciis suis salutem. Sciatis quod Gaufridus de Clintonia recognovit coram me in exercitu Torigneii, quod ipse posuit terram suam de Dovera in vadio Ph(ilippo) Baiocen(si) ep(iscopo) pro xxx libris And(egavensis) monete, donec ipse Gaufridus vel justus heres suus reddat predictas xxx libras Baiocen(si) ep(iscop)o. Recognovit etiam quod terra de Conion remansit thesaurario Baiocen(si) quieta a festo Sancti Michaelis quod est in anno quo pax facta est inter regem Francorum et ducem Normannorum in tribus annis, et postea si ipse Gaufrid(us) inde aliquid reclamaverit, episcopus Baiocen(sis) vel thesaurarius ei inde rect(um) teneant. T(estibus) Rob(erto) comite Leic(estrie), et Rog(ero) archidiac(ono). Apud Torineium.

MS.: Bayeux Cath. Archives, Livre Noir, *f. 3^{v} and f. 8.
Printed: Bourrienne, op. cit. i. 13; D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 437; Delisle–Berger, no. 80*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1441 (cal.).

67. Beaubec Abbey (Mar.–Nov. 1137, at Rouen)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Rothomag(ensi) et episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justiciis et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie de Belbecco et abbati et monachis in ea deo famulantibus omnes terras et decimas et elemosinas et omnes res que barones mei et homines terre mee eis dederunt et concesserunt et ecclesie sue quam Willelmus de Fiscanno primus instituit. Et concedo eis omnia beneficia que fideles Christi eis pro dei amore in futuro contulerint. Et volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus teneant sicut elemosinam meam, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Testibus Nigello episcopo Eliensi, et Audino episcopo Ebroicensi, Rogero cancellario, et Roberto de Curci, et Willelmo de Romara. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Untraced.
Printed: Daniel Gurney, **The Record of the House of Gournay* (1846), i. 108 from 'an inspeximus charter of Charles VI, A.D. 1400, in the archives at Rouen'.

68. Beauchamp, William de (25 July–1 Aug. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants the shrievalty of Worcester in return for liege-homage; and a number of further grants

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et reddidisse Willelmo de

Bellocampo hereditario jure castellum de Wigornia cum mota sibi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me in capite et heredibus meis. Dedi ei et reddidi vicecomitatum Wigorn(ie) et forestas cum omnibus appendiciis suis in feodo et hereditarie per eandem firmam quam pater suus Walterus de Bellocampo inde reddebat. Et de hoc devenit ipse Willelmus meus ligius homo contra omnes mortales et nominatim contra Gualerann(um) comitem de Mellent et ita quod nec ipse comes Gualeran(us) nec aliquis alius de hiis predictis mecum finem faciet, quominus semper ipse Willelmus de me in capite teneat nisi ipse bona voluntate et gratuita concessione de predicto comite tenere voluerit. Et preter hoc dedi ei et reddidi castellum et honorem de Tamword ad tenendum ita bene et in pace et quiete et plenarie et honorifice et libere sicut unquam melius et quietius et plenarius et honorificentius et liberius Rob(ertus) Dispensator frater Ursonis de Abetot ipsum castellum et honorem tenuit. Et etiam dedi ei et reddidi manerium de Cokeford cum omnibus appendiciis suis ut rectum suum sine placito. Et cum hoc dedi ei et reddidi Westonam et Luffenham in Roteland cum omnibus appendiciis suis ut rectum suum similiter sine placito. Dedi etiam ei et concessi de cremento lx libratas terre de perquisitione Angl(ie) pro servitio suo. Et iterum dedi et reddidi conestabulatum quem Urso de Abetot tenuit et dispensam ita hereditarie sicut Walterus pater ejus eam de patre meo H(enrico) rege tenuit. Et item dedi ei et concessi terras et hereditates suorum proximorum parentum qui contra me fuerint in werra mea et mecum finem facere non poterunt, nisi de sua parentela propinquiore michi in ipsa werra servierit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod de me et de quocunque teneat bene et honorifice in pace et hereditarie et libere et quiete teneat ipse Willelmus et heres suus post eum in bosco in plano in pratis et pasturis in forestis et fugaciis in percursibus et exitibus in aquis et molendinis in vivariis et piscariis in stagnis et mariscis et salinis et viis et semitis, in foris et in feriis, infra burgum et extra, in civitate et extra, et in omnibus locis cum soca et saka et toll et team et infangenthef et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietudinibus. T(estibus) ep(iscop)o Bern(ardo) de S(an)cto D(avid), et Nigell(o) ep(iscop)o de Ely, et Rob(erto) com(ite) Gloec(estrie), et Milon(e) com(ite) He(re)ford(ie), et Brienc(io) fil(io) Com(itis), et Unfr(ido) de Buh(un), et Joh(nan)e fil(io) Gilleb(erti), et Walkel(ino) Maminot, et Milon(e) de Belloc(ampo), et Gaufr(edo) de Walte(r)vyll(a), et Steph(ano) de Belloc(ampo), et Rob(er)to de Colavill(a), et Isnard(o) parl'[1], Gaufredo de Abbetot, Gilleb(erto) Arch', Nich(olao) fil(io) Isnardi. Apud Oxineford.

[1] *Sic MS.; Round* park (?ario)

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 28024, f. 126 (Beauchamp Cartulary).
Printed: *G. de M.* 313–14.
Date: After Miles of Gloucester had been created Earl of Hereford (25 July 1141), and before Waleran of Meulan joined the empress, which seems to have been late in 1141 (see **115**). In this case the charter would belong, like **275**, to the empress's last few days in Oxford before going to Winchester in 1141. Cf. Round, *G. de M.* 315.

69. Beaulieu de Chartres, Hospital of (14 Mar.–11 Apr. 1137, at Évreux)

Confirmation of Henry I's grant of £10 p.a. from the treasury

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Rot[homagensi episcopis abbatibus comitibus bar]onibus justic(iis) Norm(annie) et th(es)aurariis et omnibus fidelibus suis per Norm(anniam) constitutis [salutem. Sciati]s me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie Magdal(ene) de Bello Loco et infirmis ibidem deo servientibus pro remissione peccatorum meorum et statu et incolumitate regni mei Anglie et d[ucatus N]ormann(ie) omni anno x li[bras Rot]h(omagensium) de thesauro meo, ita bene et plene nunc et inperpetuum sicut rex H[enricus avun]c(u)l(u)s meus eas eis dedit et concessit. Et semper eas simul habeant ad festum Sancti Michaelis quando firme et pecunia mea colliguntur. Et ipsis thesaurariis meis precipio ut eas eis omni anno ad terminum predictum sine omni disturbatione et occasione liberent. Hanc itaque concessionem et confirmationem meam ecclesie illi et fratribus infirmis sine fine mansuram regia auctoritate corroboro et a deo mihi collata potestate inviolatam permanere confirmo et presentis sigilli mei impressione constituo. T(estibus) Oino ep(iscop)o Ebroic(ensi), et Joh(ann)e ep(iscop)o Sagiensi,

et Ric(ardo) ep(iscop)o Abrinc(ensi), et Rogero cancell(ario), et Comite de Gloec(estria), et Com(ite) de Mellent, et Rob(erto) de C(ur)ci, et Will(elmo) Guell(eto), et Will(elmo) de Alben(i), et Rob(erto) de Novoburgo, et Will(elmo) de Montefichet, et Ric(hero) de Aq(u)ila, et Ansell(o) de T(r)iang(u)lo, et Girard(o) Rem(en)si, et Girard(o) Boell(o) Carnot(ensi). Apud Ebro(i)c(as). Anno incarnationis dominice MCXXX sexto, regni mei vero secundo.

MS.: Chartres, Archives de l'Eure-et-Loir, *G. 2984 (original, 8½″ × 5¼″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xix (T.A.M.B., no. 141); seal lost, tongue torn. The whole charter torn at top.) Gaps in text filled from transcript in *vidimus* of 1469 (also in G 2984), and printed in square brackets.
Printed: T.A.M.B., pl. xx (facs.).
Date: Stephen landed in Normandy *c.* 14–20 Mar. 1137, but his chancery seems to have reckoned the new year from 25 Mar. or (more probably) Easter (11 Apr.). Cf. **843**.

70. Beaulieu de Chartres, Hospital of (1140, at Northampton)

The hospital to have its £10 p.a. from the mint of Rouen instead of the treasury

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Rothom(agensi) et justiciis et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Roth(omago) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo infirmis de Bello Loco habere in moneta mea Roth(omagensi) singulis annis illas x libras Roth-(omagenses) quas rex Henricus eis dedit habere in thesauro suo in elemosinam. Quare precipio quod ipsi infirmi illas x libras habeant ita plene et bene et eodem termino sicut habere solebant tempore regis Henrici. Testibus Roberto[1] cancellario, et Wallerando comite de Mellent, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Tur[gisio][2] de Abrinc(is). Apud Norhamt(ona)m.

[1] *Sic MS.* [2] *MS.* Turb'

MS.: Chartres, Archives de l'Eure-et-Loir, *G. 2984 (*vidimus* of 1469).
Date: If the transcript is correct in reading Robert (de Gant) instead of Roger the chancellor, the date cannot be earlier than Mar. 1140. Nor can it be later than 2 Feb. 1141, since Waleran of Meulan went over to Matilda during Stephen's captivity. The King spent most of Jan. 1141 at Lincoln.

71. Beaulieu de Chartres, Hospital of (1150–Sept. 1151, at Rouen)

The empress and young Henry confirm Henry I's grant of £10 p.a. to be paid by the vicomté of Rouen

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Henricus ejus filius dux Normannorum H(ugoni) archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis comitibus abbatibus baronibus justiciis Normannie et omnibus fidelibus per Normanniam constitutis salutem. Sciatis nos reddidisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam [deo et] Sancte Marie Magdalene de Bello Loco Carnoti et infirmis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute patrum nostrorum atque matrum et nostra, et remissione peccatorum nostrorum et statu et incolumitate ducatus Normannie necnon et pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum parentum nostrorum unoquoque anno x libras Rothom(agenses) quas prefatus rex Henricus eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Precipimus igitur vicecomiti nostro Rothom(agensi), quicumque ille fuerit, quod eas ipsis de vicecomitatu nostro Rothomagensi singulis annis ad Purificationem Sancte Marie sine disturbatione et omni occasione, super meam forefacturam, habere faciat. Et hanc nostram redditionem et concessionem prememorate ecclesie fratribusque infirmis sine fine mansuram, et a deo nobis collata potestate inviolatam permanere, hac carta nostra confirmamus. T(estibus) Arn(ulfo) ep(iscopo) Lex(oviensi), Rag(inaldo) de Sancto Waler(ico) senescallo, Alex(andro) de Bohu(n), Godard(o) de Vall(ibus), Umfrido filio Odon(is) cons(tabulario), Will(elm)o filio Hamon(is), Amfredo filio Rualdi. Apud Rotho-m(agum).

MS.: Chartres, Archives de l'Eure-et-Loir, *G. 2984 (original, 7″ × 6¼″, written in an unidentified hand, in some ways resembling that of *scriptor* xxix; no tongue or tag or slits or seal).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 11* and Atlas pl. 1 (facs.); Merlet et Jusselin, *Cartulaire de la léproserie du Grand Beaulieu*, ii. 13.

72. Beaulieu de Chartres, Hospital of (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

The empress and young Henry confirm **71** *in much the same terms, but the £10 to be payable at Michaelmas*

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis [filia et Henricus ejus filius dux Norm(annorum) et comes] And(egavorum) *Hugoni archiepiscopo Rothomagensi [episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus] justiciis [Normannie]*[1] *et omnibus fidelibus per Normanniam [constitutis] salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie de Bello Loco Carnoti et infirmis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute patrum nostrorum atque matrum et nostra et remissione peccatorum nostrorum et statu et incolumitate ducatus Normannie, necnon et pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum parentum nostrorum unoquoque anno x libras Rothom(agenses) quas prefatus rex Henricus eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Precipimus igitur vicecomiti nostro Rothomag(ensi), quicumque ille fuerit, quod eas ipsis de* redditibus *vicecomitat*us *nost*ri *Rothom(agensis) singulis annis ad* festum Sancti Michaelis *sine disturbatione et omni occasione super* nostram *forefacturam habere faciat. Et hanc nostram redditionem et concessionem* prenominate[2] *ecclesie fratribus infirmis sine fine mansuram et a deo nobis collata potestate inviolatam permanere hac carta nostra confirmamus. Testibus Arnulfo episcopo Lex(oviensi)*, Ricardo episcopo Const(antiensi), Philippo episcopo Baioc(ensi), Waleranno comite Mellendino, Roberto de Novoburgo, *Rag(inaldo) de S(anc)to Walerico sensescallo, Willelmo filio Hamonis*, Stephano de Bellocampo, *Godardo de Vallibus, Amfredo filio Rualdi. Apud Rothomagum.*

[1] *Delisle 35**, [vicecomitatibus] [2] *Delisle 35**, prememorate

Note: Words in italics from **71**.

MSS.: Chartres, Archives de l'Eure-et-Loir, G. *2984 (original, 6″ × 8¼″; written in an unidentified hand; no tongue or seal, but a tear in the middle of the bottom edge suggests slits for a tag). The charter much damaged at the top (first three lines). Passages in square brackets have been supplied from the transcript of 1469, also in G. 2984.

Printed: Delisle–Berger, nos. 35* and 45*.

Date: After Henry had become Count of Anjou, before he was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was in Normandy.

73. Bec, Abbey of (1137, at Rouen)

Freedom from toll and passage in the county of Boulogne

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum vicecomitibus et ministris suis de Wisant et de Bolonia omnibus salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio quod abbas Beccensis et monachi ejus et omnis sua familia et equi et omnes res eorum [tam] quieti sint de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine quam sic erant tempore Eustachii comitis. Et prohibeo super forisfacturam meam ne quis eos inde disturbet vel vexet, quia garantizo quod habent de hac quietatione cartam comitis Eustachii et meam. Apud Rothom(agum).

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 13905, f. 86 (17th-cent. transcript).

Date: While Stephen was king and in Normandy.

74. Bec, Abbey of (1136–9, at Marlborough)

Grant of 100s. in the annual rent of E. Hendred (Berks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) et dux Norm(annorum) *archiepiscopis episcopis etc.* et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis *me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam* deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Becco *et abbati et monachis in ea deo servientibus illas centum* solidatas terre per annum in manerio de *Hen*red*t quas produnt supra 20 libras quas ego de*di ecclesie de Radinges pro anima Henrici regis av*unculi mei. Quos centum solidos ipsi monachi mihi* per annum reddere solent. *Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod Beccensis ecclesia in sempiternum teneat supradictas cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof in omnibus libertatibus* cum quibus rex Henricus vel ego un(quam) [*honorabilius vel melius tenuit, pro animabus pa*]trum et parentum meorum et incolumitate mea, et . . . tantum collaudo mandatum eis confirmo et reg[*ali potestate mihi collata corroboro. Et ut hec concessio*

imperpetuum] p . . . e perduret sigilli mei impressione et subscri(ptione) . . . *Johanne episcopo Sag*iensi, Rog(ero) canc(ellario), et Rog(ero) de Fisc(anno), Will(elmo) *de Albinni, et Roberto de Ver. Apud Merleb(er)gam.*

MSS.: Archives de l'Eure, *H (Supplément), Abbaye du Bec. Two fragments of the original found in a nineteenth-century binding in a hand identified as that of *scriptor* xix (T.A.M.B., no. 205). Copy in Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Lat. 13905, f. 21v (from which the italics).
Printed: Chibnall, *Select Docs*, p. 24 (from the Paris transcript).

75. Bec, Abbey of (Mar.–Nov. 1137, at Pont-Audemer)

The monks to have their land of Touffreville (*Seine-Mar.*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ing(eranno) de Wasc(olio) salutem. Scias quoniam vehementer miror de hoc quod non fecisti preceptum meum de terra monachorum de Becco de Turfrevilla de elemosina Willelmi Pevrell(i). Quare tibi precipio quod facias in pace et juste et quiete terram illam tenere sicut melius tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, ita quod non requiras aliquam novam consuetudinem de hominibus in terra illa residentibus. T(este) Comite de Mell(ento). Apud Pont(em) Ald(emari).

MS.: Archives de l'Eure, *H. 91, f. 35 (fragment of cartulary of Bec).
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxvii. 420; and Haskins, 127.
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

75a. Bec, Abbey of (1135–54)

General confirmation of lands and liberties

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopis abbatibus baronibus vicecomitibus justiciariis et ministris suis omnibus in quorum potestate vel vicinio ecclesia Beccensis terras vel redditus habet, salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie de Becco habeat omnes terras suas quas habet in Anglia ubicumque sint, et omnes res suas quas habet in Anglia quietas et liberas ab omnibus geldis et sciris et hundredis et placitis et querelis et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus sicut rex Willelmus avus meus illas concessit eidem ecclesie. Et habeat in omnibus terris et rebus suis socham et sacham et thol et theam et infangenethef et omnes leges et consuetudines suas in urbe et extra, et in aqua et extra, in via et extra, in festo et extra, et quocumque loco vel tempore eis opus fuerit. Et prohibeo ne quis eos vel res eorum infestare vel inquietare presumat super forisfactum meum. Testibus.

MS.: BM., *Cotton MS. Faustina A. iv, f. 45v (St. Neot's Cartulary).

76. Bec, Abbey of (1139–46)

The queen confirms of a mansura *of land in* Marchaltat *in Boulogne*

M(atildis) Anglorum regina. Confirmo illam masuram terrae in Marchaltat in Bolonia quam avia mea Ida comitissa dedit illi ecclesie Becci et Anselmo tunc ejus abbati . . .. Et ut haec donatio mea integra perseveret, Eustachii filii et heredis mei concessu et testimonio sigilli mei impressione cartam presentem communio. Teste Th(eobaldo) Arch(iepiscopo) Cant(uariensi).

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 13905, f. 86 (18th-cent. transcript).
Date: Before Eustace became Count of Boulogne, and while Theobald was archbishop.

77. Bec, Abbey of (27 Mar. 1149, at Bec)

Duke Geoffrey grants three prebends of Bures (*Seine-Mar.*)

G(aufridus) dux Norm(annorum) et com(es) And(egavorum) H(ugoni) archiep(iscopo) et omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis Norm(annie) et omnibus suis fidelibus salutem. Notum sit vobis atque omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego dedi et concessi monachis Sancte Marie de Becco tres prebendas de Buris, ea conditione quod postquam ille fuerint liberate a tribus presentibus clericis, scilicet Ivone, Hug(one), atque Alexandro, monachi Sancte Marie de P(r)ato illas perpetuo libere et quiete possideant.

Hujus rei sunt testes Ric(ardus) cancell(arius), Gaufr(idus) Rothom(agensis) decanus, Tomas capellan(us), Rob(ertus) de Novoburgo, et alii quamplures. Hoc autem concessum est anno ab incarnatione domini MCXLIX in Pascha instanti, die dominica de Ramis Palmar(um), in Beccensi capitulo.

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *8 H. 108 (among the archives of Foucarmont), (original, 6″ × 3¼″, written in the same hand as **443** (Haskins, 137), with seal in green wax on a tag).
Printed: Haskins, 138, and pl. 7(b) (facs.).
The priory of St. Stephen at Bures-en-Bray was a dependency of N.D. de Bonne Nouvelle (*alias* du Pré) of Rouen, which was itself a dependent priory of Bec.

78. Bec, Abbey of (1146–50)

Duke Geoffrey and his son confirm the monks' freedom from toll etc. at Arques and Dieppe

Geofroy duc de Normandie et Anjou [*et*] *Henri 2e son fils confirment et declarent que* monachi de Becco et omnes res eorum sint quieti de theloneo et passagio et pontagio et de omni consuetudine sicut a retroactis temporibus fuerunt apud Archas et apud Diepam.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 13905, f. 85^v^ (18th-cent. notice).
Printed: Haskins, 131, n. 31.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke and while his son Henry was in Normandy.

79. Bec, Abbey of (1144–50)

Notice of a charter confirming liberties and customs

1145. Geofroy. Non lateat vos nec quenquam presentium sive futurorum me consilio H(enrici) filii mei et baronum meorum concessisse quod ecclesia Sancte Marie de Becco et monachi illius ecclesie habeant omnes consuetudines et quietudines et libertates quas habebant in tempore H(enrici) regis. Quapropter ego precipio ut omnes res ejusdem ecclesie sint quiete et libere in terra et in aqua in plano et in nemore per totam Normanniam ab omni consuetudine vel exactione sicut erant in tempore Henrici regis.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 13905, f. 85^v^ (18th-cent. transcript).
Printed: Haskins, 131, n. 29.

80. Bec, Abbey of (1150–Sept. 1151, at Bec)

Grant of the two Ogbournes (Wilts.) by Matilda of Wallingford with the consent of Duke Henry and the empress

Sapientium providentia quod firmum haberi statuit scripture satagit commendare, aliter enim negligentia vel oblivione vel fraudulenta veri dissimulatione in posterum a successoribus suis in irritum revocaretur. Iccirco ego Matildis de Wallengefort notum fieri volo omnibus natis vel nascituris quod de hereditate mea dedi ecclesie Sancte Marie Becci et monachis ibidem deo servientibus utramque Occoburnam, majorem scilicet et minorem, et ecclesias eorundem maneriorum cum omnibus pertinentiis tam maneriorum quam ecclesiarum ad vestiendum predictos monachos in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Facta est autem hec donatio apud Beccum, assensu et voluntate Henrici ducis Normannorum, filii Gaufridi comitis Andega(vorum) qui hanc donationem concessit et testimonio carte sue et sigilli sui appositione confirmavit, et assensu et voluntate Matildis imperatricis matris ejusdem Henrici, que et hanc donationem concessit et carte sue atestatione et sigilli sui appositione corroboravit. Testibus hiis, Ricardo cancellario, Roberto de Curceio, Roberto de Novoburgo, Guarino filio Giroldi, magistro Herberto, Riolfo de Saisson, Osberno de Hosa, Osberno camerario, et multis aliis.

MSS.: Cambridge, King's Coll. Dd. 17 (original with seal on parchment tag). Copy by D. Bénigne Thibault in Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 12882, pt. 2, p. 39 (incomplete).
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 1016 with reproduction of seal; Chibnall, **Select Docs.*, p. 25; Delisle–Berger, no. 12*, from Thibault's incomplete transcript.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy but not yet Count of Anjou.

81. Bedford, St. Paul's (*c.* 31 Aug. 1153, at the siege of Stamford)

Duke Henry makes grants in reparation of damage done to the church and promises more when he has won his rights

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et in elemosinam perpetuam concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Pauli de Bed(efordia) pro salute antecessorum meorum et mea hagaflam Bedefordie pro octo libris in restauratione destructionis et dampnorum que eidem feci ecclesie; et Selam cum prato et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis pro quadraginta solidis, si eam de Petro de Goldintona deliberare potero. Si autem illam deliberare non potero, excambium ad valens in ipsa villa Bedefordie de redditu meo canonicis ejusdem ecclesie dabo. Preterea accipio ipsam ecclesiam et canonicos et omnes res et terras eidem ecclesie pertinentes in manu et custodia et in protectione mea, et omnia jura ipsius ecclesie et canonicorum ubicumque fuerint in Anglia et juste dirationari poterunt eis reddam ad opus eorum in restauratione ecclesie illius protegam et defendam et custodiam. Quod si predictas decem libratas pro guerra vel alia de causa illis guarantizare non potero, alibi concambium ad valens in pace mea illis dabo. Hoc autem eis dono et concedo ad presens; cum autem deo volente jus meum Anglie adeptus fuero, feodum ecclesie illius augmentabo et ubicumque manutenebo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut canonici ejusdem ecclesie omnia predicta in bona pace et cum plena libertate in elemosinam perpetuam et liberam possideant, nec quis eis inde injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. T(estibus) Hug(one) de Belloc(ampo), Rogero fil(io) Ric(ardi), Ham(one) de Falesia. Apud Stanforde in obsidione.

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3656, f. 27.
Printed: Joyce Godber, *The Cartulary of Newnham Priory*, pt. i. 33 (no. 48) (Beds. Hist. Rec. Soc. xliii, 1963).
Date: See **492.**

82. Belvoir Priory (1136–40, at Oxford)

Alice Bigot to restore to the monks their tithe at Bradley (*Suff.*)

Steph(anu)s rex Angl(orum) Adelicie Bigote salutem. Precipio tibi quod reddas monachis de Be(llo)v(isu) decimam suam de Bradeleya ita bene et in pace et juste et plenarie in omnibus rebus et de omnibus maneriis sicut umquam eam melius et plenarius habuerant. Et nisi feceris, episcopus de Norwic faciat. Quod nisi fecerit Al(bericus) de Ver faciat fieri, ne super hoc amplius inde clamorem audiam. T(este) R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Oxoniam.

MS.: Belvoir Cas., *Belvoir Cartulary, f. 87v.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 158 (cal.).
Date: Before Aubrey de Vere I died or Aubrey II styled count or earl.

83. Belvoir Priory (*c.* 1136–40, at Stamford)

The Bishop of Norwich to see the monks get their tithes at Bradley (*Suff.*)

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) Eber(ardo) episcopo Norwic(ensi) salutem. Mando tibi et precipio quod plene et juste facias reddi monachis de Bellovisu decimam suam de Bradeleya quam Adel(icia) Big(ot) eis injuste detinet, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam pro penuria tue justic(ie). T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Stanford.

MS.: Belvoir Cas., * Belvoir Cartulary, f. 87v.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 158 (cal.).
Date: Same as **82.**

84. Belvoir Priory (1135–54)

Robert de Ropsley to let the monks have their two bovates at Claxton

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Rob(er)t(o) de Roppeslega salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittas monachos Sancte Marie de Belveeir tenere suas duas bovatas terre in Claston(a)

quas Turstinus de Houes eis dedit et concessit in elemosina ita bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut melius tenuerunt de eodem Turstino ea die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Et homines sui de eadem villa sint bene et in pace, ne super hoc ulla fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. Et nisi feceris justic(ie) mei et vic(ecomes) jus faciant ne super [hoc] audiam inde clamorem. T(este) Hug(one) sup(ra)d(icto)[*scilicet* filio Ivonis de Clacstuna].

MS.: Belvoir Cas., *Belvoir Cart., f. 53.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 132 (cal.).

85. Belvoir Priory (*c.* Mar. 1140–Feb. 1141, or 1146–54, at Lincoln)

Confirmation of the gift of Ursel de Crasmesnil in Denton (*Lincs.*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) justic(ie) vicecomiti baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lincoliesc(ire) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Ursellus de Crasmeisnil fecit deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Bellovidere et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in obitu suo de ii marcatis terre in Dentona, quas viii homines tenent in eadem villa, simul cum alio servitio suo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant et in perpetuum possideant hec prefata bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete, sicut Ursellus illas eis in obitu suo coram probis et legalibus hominibus dedit et divisit et carta sua confirmavit. Et monachi nemini inde intendant nisi mihi sicut de elemosina mea dominica. Testibus Roberto cancellario, et Willelmo de Ipra,[1] et Ricardo de Luci, et Ricardo de Canvill(a). Apud Linc(olniam).

[1] *Cart. stops here*

MSS.: Northants. Rec. Soc. *Finch-Hatton MS. 170, no. 442 (facs. of 1640); Belvoir Cas., Belvoir Cart., f. 55.
Printed: *Book of Seals*, no. 442; *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 133 (cal.).
The facs. shows the original to have been sealed with Stephen's second seal on a tongue. Bishop claims to identify the hand (in facsimile) as that of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 241).
Date: While Robert was chancellor and Stephen held Lincoln.

86. Belvoir Priory (1136–54, at Lincoln)

The monks to have their land at Denton (*Lincs.*)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum Rad(ulfo) de Haia[1] et constab(ulario) suo de Graha(m) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod permittatis priorem et monachos de Bellovidere tenere terram suam de Dentona et homines suos et omnia sua bene et in pace et honorifice. Et manutenete eos ne aliquis inde quicquam capiat neque eis injuriam vel contumeliam inde faciat. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Ca(n)vill(a). Apud Linc(olniam).

[1] *MS.* Hara

MS.: Belvoir Cas., *Belvoir Cart., f. 55.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 133 (cal.).

87. Belvoir Priory (1139–54, at Northampton)

Grant of 10 acres of royal demesne in Stamford (*Lincs.*)

Stephan(us) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Sta(m)forde et de Linc(olne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Stanf(orde) et monachis de Bellovid(er)e qui illam possident x acras de dominio meo in Stanford in perpetuam elemosinam et in acrementum teneure ejusdem ecclesie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi illas decem acras terre bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et possideant in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam de omni seculari exactione et servitio. T(estibus) Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et Alex(andro) de Saucavill(a). Apud Norhant(onam).

MS.: Belvoir Cas., *Belvoir Cart., f. 85.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 155 (cal.).

88. Benedict, Master (1150–1, at Notre-Dame du Pré (Bonne Nouvelle), Rouen)

The empress and Duke Henry confirm grants intended for the foundation of a house of canons regular in the church of St. Nicholas at Wallingford (Berks.)

M. imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Henricus dux Normannie Wyllelmo Boterello conestabulo Warengfordie et Ansfrido filio Rualdi dapifero et omnibus baronibus suis et ceteris militibus et burgensibus clericis et laicis de Warengefordia et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et donasse magistro Benedicto in elemosyna et in prebenda in augmento prebende quam sibi dedimus per Brientium filium comitis salvo tamen tenemento et personalitate Turoldi canonici in vita sua nisi ipse Turoldus sponte se dimiserit et salva compositione inter eum et Benedictum facta, totam terram videlicet extra portam de Sud a fossa ville que est proxima molendino quod fecit facere Brientius usque ad rivulum qui dicitur Winterbroc in que exit per portam de Sud et tendit ad Winterbroc usque in Tamisiam salvis tenamentis omnium hominum de illa terra tenentium. Et amodo ex quo hanc cartam nostram viderint et audierint de deo et magistro Benedicto teneant facientes ei et reddentes illa servitia et illos redditus quos nobis facere debuerunt. Et teneat Benedictus illam terram quietam et liberam et exutam ab omnibus consuetudinibus nobis pertinentibus. Et volumus ut Benedictus auxilio dei et nostro et vestro et aliorum proborum edificet ibidem in terra supradicta in oportuno loco vestro consilio communi et suo proprio ecclesiam in qua mittat et constituat canonicos regulares. Et illi ecclesie ibi fundande et canonicis illis regularibus concedimus et donamus in elemosyna et possessione prebendas ecclesie Sancti Nicolai de castello cum omnibus pertinentiis earum post decessum vel spontaneam demissionem canonicorum modo eas possidentium, Radulphi videlicet de Iorz', Radulphi de Witcheria, Willelmi, Ernaldi, Turoldi, Benedicti. Ista et ita donamus pro anima Henrici regis et Mathildis regine et pro anima Brientii filii comitis et Mathildis uxoris sue qui istud opus facere proposuerant et pro nostra salute. Et precipimus tibi Willelme Boterelle et tibi Ansfride fili Rualdi et tibi Henrice de Oxinfort in cujus manu modo villa est ut Benedictum saisiatis de supradicta terra et manuteneatis eum in omnibus tenementis in potestate vestra que tenent ipsa et canonici socii sui ne quisquam eis injuriam faciat quin justiciam statim eis faciatis. Hujus rei et operis et harum prebendarum et ecclesiarum curam gerendam et tractandam magistro Benedicto committimus ut decano et donamus et precipimus canonicis supranominatis ut amodo ei intendant sicut suo decano. Et mandate episcopo Salesberiensi et Rogerio archidiacono ut Benedictum inde impersonent et istam cartam et hanc donationem nostram sua carta confirment. Et cum ad canonicos regulares perventum fuerit inveniant et statuant unum presbyterum et unum clericum cum presbytero qui ecclesie Sancti Nicolai in castello ministrent et deserviant. Hujus donationis testes sunt Wyllelmus cancellarius, magister Herbertus, Rogerius Croceman, Hugo medicus, Alexander de Bohun, Wyllelmus filius Hamonis, Hugo de Duvra, Waring filius Geroldi, [ ] Malet, Rannulfus de Broc, Wyllelmus filius Anseret, Walterius Buistard, Simon Pincerna. Apud Sanctam Mariam de Prato.

MS.: Cambridge, Corpus Christi Coll. *MS. 111, f. 151 (16th-cent. transcript).
Printed: *E.H.R.* lxxvi (1961), 653.
Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy in 1150, but before he became Count of Anjou also (7 Sept. 1151). Cf. 835 of similar date, given at Rouen with six of the same witnesses. P. Walne (*E.H.R.* lxxvi (1961), 649–53) urges for a date at the end of 1152, but the evidence of Henry's titles is decisive.

89. Bermondsey Priory (*c.* May 1152, at the siege of Newbury)

Note of witnesses to a lost charter of King Stephen's

Testes in carta Stephani regis apud Neueb(er)ia in obsidione: Will(elmus) comes Cicestrie, Ric(ar)dus de Lucy, Will(el)mus Martel, Ric(ard)us de Canvil, Roger(us) de Fraxin(et)o, Jordan(us) de Pod(iis).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius A. viii, f. 110 (17th cent. note from f. 3 of the (lost) cartulary of 1363).
Date: Stephen besieged and captured Newbury after 3 May 1152 (H. Hunt, 284).

90. Bermondsey Priory (1153–Apr. 1154, at Devizes)

Duke Henry grants various rents, and promises a royal confirmation if he wins his rights

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me pro salute Henrici regis avi mei et Gaufridi patris mei et Matill(is) imperatricis matris mee et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro propria salute mea dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Bermundeseia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus c s(olidos) annuatim de wherva de Edredeshuzo et xl s(olidos) de firma de Sudwerk(a) que pertinet ad coronam regis; donasse quoque eis et remisisse x s(olidos) imperpetuum quos solebant reddere annuatim de Cherletona ad firmam de Tarenteford. Quin etiam omnes donationes et libertates quas dedit eis et concessit rex Henricus avus meus de quibus habent cartas illius, insuper etiam omnia que eis data vel vendita sunt de quibus habent cartas aut concessiones rectorum heredum concedo et confirmo ipsis imperpetuum. Et si annuente deo regnum Angl(ie) adeptus fuero hanc eandem concessionem regali auctoritate confirmabo et sigilli regii attestatione corroborabo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus monachi predicti hec supradicta libere et quiete perpetuo possideant nec quis eis inde injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam presumat. T(estibus) Roberto comite Legrec(estrie), Willelmo comite Gloos(estrie), Rainald(o) comite Cornub(ie), Richard(o) de Humet, Manesserio Bisaet, Warino filio Giroldi. Apud Divis(as).

MS.: *Chart. R., 4 Ed. III, no. 57.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iv. 185.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in England.

Bermondsey Priory

Notices of various charters and gifts from the Annals of Bermondsey

91. (1137 or 1138) *Gift of 40s. rent in Southwark and confirmation of Kynaston* (*Heref.*)

Anno Domini MCXXXVII et anno regni regis Stephani tertio (*sic*). Hoc anno rex Stephanus dedit xl solidos redditus in Southwerk monachis de Bermundeseie. Et confirmavit donum Marie comitisse de Kynwardeston(a), matris regine Matildis uxoris ejus, quod fecit monachis de Bermundeseie.

92. (1140 or 1141) *Confirmation of the church of St. James of Derby*

Anno Domini MCXL et anno regni regis Stephani sexto. Hoc anno Willelmus comes Moritonii venit Bermundeseye et suscepit habitum monachalem. Et hoc [anno] Stephanus rex confirmavit donationem Waltheof filii Swein de ecclesia Sancti Jacobi de Derbye monachis de Bermundeseie.

93. (1141) *Confirmation of liberties*

Et hoc anno Stephanus rex concessit libertates monachis de Bermundeseye, videlicet quod ipsi et homines sui, res et terre sint quieti de placitis querelis schiris hundredis et hustengis et portmannesmot et omnibus geldis scotis et sartis et parcis claudendis et tool et ab omnibus rebus, querelis, et consuetudinibus. Et quod habeant curiam suam et socam et sacam et tool et theam et infangnethef et omnes alias liberas consuetudines suas infra burgum et extra.

94. (1142) *Grants in Grove, a member of the manor of Wantage* (*Berks.*)

Et eodem anno idem rex Stephanus dedit monachis de Bermundeseie Gravam, que membrum fuit de Wanetyng, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano in aquis et pratis et molendinis in Wikes et pasturis, in hominibus et tenuris eorum, et nominatim Ernwy filium Lefwini le May et Edmundum filium Wulfrici, cum domibus et pasturis eorum, et cum Wikes et cum omnibus tenuris quas ad domos eorum pertinent.

95. (1153–4) Quam donationem (**94**) confirmavit Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie dictis monachis.

96. (1143 or 1144) *Gift of the church of Writtle* (*Essex*)

Et eodem anno dedit rex Stephanus monachis de Bermundeseye ecclesiam de Writel cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

97. (1153–4) Quam donationem confirmavit Henricus dux Normannie dictis monachis.

98. (1144 or 1145) *Confirmation by King Stephen of William of Ypres's gifts at Dartford, Kent*

Hoc etiam anno Willelmus de Ipra relaxavit et remisit monachis de Bermundeseye decem solidos redditus quos solebant reddere domino de Tarentford, id est Dertford, per annum, quam concessionem confirmaverunt rex Stephanus et Henricus secundus dux Normannie (*see* **90**).

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 231, ff. 14–15^{v}.
Printed: H. R. Luard, *Annales Monastici* (RS.), iii. 435–7.
Dates: As given in the annals—not necessarily correct.

99. Beverley Minster (Feb. 1136, at York)

Confirmation of banleuca and other privileges, including the fair and right to four sheaves from every carucate in E. Riding

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Presentis carte attestatione confirmo ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco pacem suam infra leugam suam et ejusdem violate pacis emendationem sicut est a rege Alestano ipsi ecclesie collata et a ceteris Anglorum regibus confirmata; privilegia quoque et dona que a regibus Edwardo et avo meo Willelmo consecuta est et libertates omnes et consuetudines et dignitates et rectitudines tam in terris quam in aquis et in omnibus possessionibus suis cum soca et saca et tol et team et in his que ad illa ubique pertinent; feriam quoque suam ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste v diebus cum mea firma pace omnibus illuc venientibus et inde recedentibus et ibi morantibus tam vendentibus quam ementibus cum omnibus rebus suis; travas quoque suas per totam Austriding iiij ad cultrum et vomerem, etiam in dominicis maneriis meis et denarios de travis secundum consuetudinem ipsius ecclesie. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsa ecclesia ita teneat bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie in omnibus rebus, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in terris, in aquis, in navibus et portubus et omnibus aliis rebus, sicut ipsa umquam melius et plenius et honorabilius et liberius tenuit tempore regis Edwardi et Willelmi avi mei et avunculorum meorum regum Willelmi et Henrici, et sicut eorumdem carte regum testantur. Hec confirmo et regia auctoritate statuo et a deo mihi collata potestate illi ecclesie in perpetuum mansura corroboro. Testibus Turst(ino) archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi), et Alex(andro) Linc(olniensi) episcopo, et Nig(ello) Elyen(si) episcopo, et Adel(waldo) episcopo Carl(eolensi), et Rog(ero) canc(ellario), et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Hug(one) Bigoto, et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi), et Will(elm)o Mart(el) et Rob(ert)o de Ferr(ariis). Apud Eborac(um), anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXV, regni vero mei primo.

MSS.: Beverley Corporation Archives *no. 2, schedule 1 (original, 8¾″ × 9⅝″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 38) with fragment of Stephen's first seal in white wax on a tag). Copies in Chart. R. 4 Ed. II, m. 20; B.M. Harley MS. 560, f. 26.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 99; *C.C.R.* iii. 140; *Beverley Chapter Acts Book* (Surtees Soc.) ii. 288.
Date: For similar dating clause and many of the same witnesses see **335** and **919**.

100. Beverley Minster (1138–54, at York)

Freedom from army-duty, attendance at the shire-court, and castle-building, etc.

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eboracisyra et totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me con-

cessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco tenere omnes terras et tenuras suas ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice de exercitibus et comitatibus et operationibus castellorum et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus sicut melius et liberius tenuit temporibus predecessorum meorum regum Anglie. Testibus Willelmo comite Ebor(aci), et Roberto de Ver, et Ricardo de Curci. Apud Eboracum.

MSS.: Beverley Cartulary, *penes* H. L. Bradfer-Lawrence Esq., Sharow End, Ripon; B.M. Harley MS. 560, f. 26^{v} (transcript from the above).
Printed: **E.Y.C.*, no. 100 (from Harley MS.).
Date: After Wm. of Aumâle created Earl of York (*c.* 22 Aug. 1138).

101. Beverley Minister (*c.* 1147–54)

Confirmation of the grant and restitution of the manor of Bentley (E. Yorks.) by William de Roumare

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et Willelmo comiti et justic(ie) vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Eboraciscire salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem et redditionem quas Willelmus de Rowmara fecit deo et ecclesie beati Johannis de Beverlaco et Turstino preposito et successoribus suis de manerio Bennesley. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et Turstinus prepositus et successores teneant et possideant manerium predictum cum omnibus ei pertinentibus bene et in pace libere et honorifice et quiete in omnibus rebus sicut tenent alias terras suas et sicut idem Willelmus manerium illud eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit.

MSS.: Beverley Minster, The Provost's Book, f. 76; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 896, f. 88^{v}.
Printed: *Beverley Chapter Acts Book* (Surtees Soc.) ii. 330; **E.Y.C.*, no. 107.
Date: This charter confirms that of William de Roumare himself (*E.Y.C.*, no. 106). In it William styles himself as earl, and as he addresses it to William Archbishop of York its date must be 1141–7 or Oct. 1153–8 June 1154. (William was not consecrated Abp. till 26 Sept. 1143, but was styled Archbishop from his election in Jan. 1141.) Since in the present charter William de Roumare is not styled Earl by the king, we assume it is subsequent to the loss of his earldom. He had certainly gone over to Geoffrey of Anjou in Normandy by 1147 (and the Angevins continued to style him Earl of Lincoln), and Stephen seems to have created Gilbert de Gant as Earl of Lincoln in his place in 1149. Thurstan became provost of Beverley *c.* 1132 and remained provost, it seems, till 1153 or 1154 (A. F. Leach, *Beverley Chapter Acts Book* (Surtees Soc.), ii, pp. xi and cix).

102. Beverley Minster (1136–54, at Beverley)

Grant of 100s. yearly from the farm of Great Driffield (E. Yorks.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis justiciariis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus suis Francis et Anglis Eboracisyra et totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco et preposito et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam et in augmentum expense refectorii sui, c solidos unoquoque anno de firma mea de Driffelda. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et prepositus et canonici ejusdem ecclesie illos c solidos bene et in pace et plenarie habeat unoquoque anno illis rectis terminis quibus firma mea de eodem manerio solet reddi et debet, et quiete [ab] omni seculari exactione et impedimento. Testibus Willelmo, Waltero filio Gilberti, et Hugoni de Essartis. Apud Beverlacum.

MSS.: Beverley Cartulary *penes* H. L. Bradfer-Lawrence; B.M. Harley MS. 560, f. 26^{v} (transcript from the above).
Printed: **E.Y.C.*, no. 101.

103. Biddlesden Abbey (*c.* 1149, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the gifts of Ernald de Bosco for the foundation of the abbey

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse donationem illam quam Ernaldus de Bosco fecit deo et monachis de ordine Cisterciensi de manerio de Betlesdena cum omnibus

appendiciis suis ad fundandam ibidem abbatiam Cisterciensis ordinis, et de tribus carrucatis terre in Sigeresham, que vocantur Marieland, et quicquid ad illas pertinet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod supradicti monachi predictas terras bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis et omnibus aliis rebus et locis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eisdem terris pertinentibus, sicut alie ecclesie et elemosine de terra mea melius et liberius tenent. Hec omnia eis auctoritate regia confirmo et corroboro, sicut carta Ernaldi de Bosco et carta Roberti comitis Legr(ecestrie) testantur. Testibus Robert(o) de Ver, et Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Oxenf(ordiam).

MS.: B.M. *Harl. Ch. 84, C. 2 (original, 9″ × 5″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 382), with two holes for a cord, but cord and seal missing).

Date: Though the foundation of the abbey is given as 10 July 1147, this charter is in effect confirming that of Robert fitz William (Harl. Ch. 85, G. 8) which is subsequent to the consecration of Robert Chesney as Bishop of Lincoln (19 Dec. 1148).

104. Biddlesden Abbey (1153–Apr. 1154, probably *c.* 7 June 1153, at Leicester)

Duke Henry confirms the gift made by Ernald de Bosco for the foundation of a Cistercian abbey at Biddlesden (Bucks.)

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Ernaldus de Bosco fecit deo et monachis de ordine Cisterciensi de manerio de Betlesdena cum omnibus appendiciis suis, ad fundandam ibidem abbatiam ordinis Cisterciensis, et de tribus carrucatis terre in Sigeresham que vocatur Marieland, et quicquid ad eas pertinet, et totam terram de Witefeld et de Dodeford, et quicquid ad illas pertinet, et totam terram de Westcote, et terram Osberti de Wanci et Willelmi de Bolebec, scilicet Blacaham, et quicquid ad illas pertinet. Et confirmo omnia illa que eis in elemosina data sunt vel que ipsi mercati sunt. Quare firmiter precipio quod supradicti monachi predictas terras bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, et omnibus aliis rebus et locis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eisdem terris pertinentibus, sicut alie ecclesie ejusdem ordinis sive in Anglia sive in Normannia melius et liberius tenent. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut sint quiete de sciris et de hundretis, et placitis et querelis et occasionibus et auxiliis et operationibus, et murdris et denegeld et omnibus aliis geldis et hidagiis, et omnibus consuetudinibus corone mee pertinentibus. Et precipio quod monachi, qui ibidem deo serviunt, bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant, quietas et solutas omni seculari servitio, ne aliquando aliquis inde requirat consuetudinem ullam. Testibus Rob(erto) comite Leg(re)c(estrie), Ernaldo) de Bosco, Gisl(eberto) de Laceio, Hug(one) de Pir(ariis), Wigano de Walengef(ord), Rob(erto) de Juvineio, Godef(rido) de Quatremar, Herv(eo) marescall(o). Apud Leg(re)c(estriam).

MS.: B.M. *Harl. Ch. 84, C. 3 (original, $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{7}{16}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxiii (T.A.M.B., S. 37), with part of Duke Henry's seal in white wax on a tag).

Printed: *Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.* xi, pt. ii (N.S.), p. 6; Delisle–Berger, no. 62*.

Date: After Henry had taken the title of Duke of Aquitaine. He is known to have been at Leicester on 7 June 1153, but could have paid more than one visit. Robert Earl of Leicester also witnessed **379** and **582**.

105. Binham Priory (1136–54, at Norwich)

The monks to hold in peace their lands and men in Northgreenhoe and Holt hundreds (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justiciar(iis) de hundredis de Northgrenehou et Holthundr(ed) et ministris suis salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod monachi de Sancto Albano qui manent apud Binham teneant omnes terras suas et homines suos et omnia sua ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut tenuerunt temporibus antecessorum meorum regum Anglie q(uando) rex Henricus avunculus meus fuit vivus et mortuus. Nec ponantur in placitum de

tam longa et antiqua teneura nisi nominatim precepero. T(este) R(oberto) de (Ver). Apud Norwycum.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. xiii, f. 41 (Binham cartulary).

106. Binham Priory (*c.* 1145–50, at London)

Confirmation of the gift by Walter de Valognes of land in Barney (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwicensi et justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Northfolch(a) et de Suthfolch(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam Walt(erus) de Valon(iis) fecit deo et ecclesie de Binham et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de terra de Berneia concessu Rogeri de Valon(iis) de cujus feodo ipsa terra est. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut predicta ecclesia et monachi teneant et habeant terram illam bene et in pace et libere quiete et honorifice sicut idem Walterus illam eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut Rogerus de Valon(iis) de cujus feodo terra est eis concessit et confirmavit per suam cartam. T(estibus) Ric(ardo) de Luci, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. xiii, f. 41; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 39, f. 125^{v} (abstract).
Printed: *Registrum de Panmure*, ed. J. Stuart (Edinburgh, 1874), ii. 101.
Date: Roger de Valognes was supporting the empress in June 1141 (**911**), and Round (*G. de M.*, p. 172, n. 6) guessed that he died soon after. On the other hand, Roger's own charter confirming Walter's gift (printed, Stenton, *English Feudalism*, App. no. 5) refers to Archbishop Theobald as 'totius Anglie primas' but not papal legate, which suggests a date *c.* 1145–50. Hence the suggested date of this charter.

107. Blyth Priory (1136–40, at Nottingham)

The monks to have their tolls; the king is not in warrant (for tolls) except to the merchants of his court

Steph(anus) rex Angl[orum] just(iciis) vic(ecomitibus) et ministris de Ebor(aci)siria et Notinghamsiria salutem. Facite habere monachis de Blida omnia telonea sua que juste habere debent et ubicumque ea habere debent. Et sciatis quod non sum in garant(o) alicui nisi mercatoribus curie mee. Et videte ne quicquam perdant quod habere debent. T(este) H(ugone) Bigot. Apud Noting(ham).

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3759, f. 96.
Printed: Raine, *History of Blyth*, 184.
Date: Before Hugh Bigod was made an earl or joined the empress.

108. Blyth Priory (1136–40, at Blyth)

Freedom from toll etc. for their own goods

Steph(anus) rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res monachorum de Blida quas homines eorum affidaverint suas esse dominicas sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et lestagio et omni consuetudine. Et super hoc nullus homines suos nec res eorum injuste disturbet super x li(bratas) forisfacture. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el) et R(oberto) fil(io) Walt(eri). Apud Blidam.

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3759, f. 96.
Printed: Raine, *History of Blyth*, 184.
Date: Robert fitz Walter supposed to have died *c.* 1140.

109. Blyth Priory (*c.* June 1143, at Caistor)

The monks to have the alms which Roger de Builli gave, particularly the tithe of Croxton (Lincs.)

Steph(anus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Ebor(aciscira) et de Notinghamsir(a) salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia et monachi de Blida teneant elemosinas suas quas Rog(erus) de Bulli eis dedit et nominatim decimam de Crocheston(a) bene et in pace, libere et quiete sicut melius vel liberius

tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et tempore ejus R[ogeri][1] de Builli et sicut Rog(erus) eis dedit eas [et] concessit et sicut carta sua testatur, ne super [hoc] ulla fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia. T(este) Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is). Apud Castra(m).

[1] *MS.* regis

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3759, f. 96.
Date: See **655** and **861**.

110. Blythburgh Priory (1136–54, at Framlingham)

Grant of 2 acres next to the cemetery of the priory church

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] episcopo Norwic(ensi) justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolchia et de Sudfolc(hia) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam perpetuam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Blyb(urc) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum duas acras terre que sunt juxta cimiterium prefate ecclesie. Quare volo et precipio firmiter quod ecclesia prefata et canonici teneant illas duas acras terre prefatas bene et in pace libere quiete et honorifice sicut melius et liberius tenent alias terras vel tenuras suas, et sicut eis eas dedi et concessi de dominio meo. Testibus Adam de Belnaco, et Herveo de Glanvilla. Ap(u)d Framlyngh(a)m.

[1] *MS.* Anglie

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40725, f. 7v.
Printed: (calendared) *H.M.C. Report x, App. iv.* 452.

111. Bohun, Humphrey de (1144, at Devizes)

The empress confirms his lands and office of steward

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis (filia) et Anglorum domina et H(enricus) filius comitis Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus [ministris et] omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis nos redidisse et concessisse Unfredo de Bohun totam terram suam unde fuit tenens die qua [rex Henricus] fuit vivus et mortuus, et dapiferatum suum in Anglia et Normannia, sine hoc [quod non ponatur inde in placitum, sicut melius tenuit tempore Henrici regis. Et] preter hoc dedimus ei et concessimus, pro servitio suo M[elchesham cum appendiciis suis, et burgum Malmesberie sine fortitu]dine facienda ibidem, et Boczam que fuit Gaufr[idi de . . . s . . . celes . . . et Stokes que fuit Eborardi] de Calna. H[ec omnia] supradicta dedimus ei et concessimus tenenda in foeudo [et hereditate] sibi et heredibus suis de nobis et de heredibus nostris. Et pro hiis supradictis devenit homo noster ligius contra omnes homines. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie teneat in forestis et fugaciis, [in bosco] et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, in foris et feriis infra burgum et extra, in civitate et extra et in omnibus locis, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietudinibus. Testibus Bernardo episcopo de Sancto David, et Gisleberto abbate Gloecestrie, et Roberto comite Gloecestrie, et Rogero comite Herefordie, et Rad(ulfo) Pagan(ello), et [Gosce] de Dinan, et Willelmo [de Bellocampo, et Willelmo de] Dovra conestabulario, et Unfrido filio Odoni, et Roberto de D[unestanvilla], et Willelmo Paganello, et Hugone [filio Ricardi, et Riulfo de Sessun].[1] Apud Divis(as).

[1] *MS. illegible to us and to Round, Thus Delisle.*

MSS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/19 (original, 10″ × 6⅖″, apparently written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv; no tongue, tag, or seal); Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 20v (noted).
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 27 (from which the illegible portions of the text supplied); Birch, *Journ. B.A.A.* xxvi. 398 (incorrectly); Delisle-Berger, no. 3*.
Date: After death of Miles Earl of Hereford (24 Dec. 1143); before Geoffrey became Duke of Normandy (23 Apr. 1144).

112. Bondeville, Abbey of (1151–67, at Rouen)

The empress makes grants in the forest of Roumare

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus baronibus ministris vicecomitibus [et] omnibus fidelibus suis Norm(annie) salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et animabus[1] patris mei Henrici regis[2] Angl(orum) et matris mee Matildis regine, dominique mei G(alfridi) ducis Normannie et comitis Andegavensis, dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam[3] deo et ecclesie Sancte dei genetricis Marie de Bondevill(a) et monialibus deo ibidem servientibus xxx acras terre in foresta de Romara, terram videlicet que Campus T(er)gerii appellatur. Et in eadem foresta pasturam bestiarum suarum, acquietantiam de pasnagiis porcorum suorum et omnium animalium, et quod necesse eis fuerit ad focum suum. Et ideo volo, mando, et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et in ipsa deo servient[es] moniales terram illam predictam et quietantiam herbagii et pasnagii et focagii sui habeant et teneant sicut meam propriam elemosinam bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice ab omni consuetudine et exactione, ita quod nullus eis inde injuriam seu contumeliam faciat. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum teneatur inperpetuum carte mee et sigilli mei privilegio sanctitum esse volui. Hiis testibus Huberto de Vallibus, Willelmo de Heliam, Stephano de Bel(l)ocampo, Roberto filio Henn(er)ici, Roberto de Hornago. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *MS.* omnibus [2] *MS.* rex [3] *MS.* ellemosinam

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar. *52 H. (Bondeville cartulary, 15th cent.), f. 11.
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 216 (cal.).
Date: Certainly after Geoffrey became Duke of Normandy (1144) and apparently after his death (7 Sept. 1151).

113. Bondeville, Abbey of (spurious)

The empress grants all her demesne in Belleville (Manche)

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus fidelibus suis Norm(annie) [salutem]. Sciatis me pro amore dei et animabus patris mei Henrici regis[1] Anglorum et matris mee Matildis regine, dominique mei G(alfridi) ducis Normannie et comitis Andegavensis dedisse et concessisse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte dei genitricis Marie de Bondevilla et monialibus deo ibidem servientibus totum dominium quod habui et habere poteram in parochia de Bellavilla videlicet in homagio relevagiis redditibus et omnibus aliis rebus que mihi et heredibus meis possunt inde evenire et accidere, scilicet de toto feodo quod Hugo de Bellavilla miles tenuit de me et antecessoribus meis feodaliter et hereditarie tenendum et possidendum predicte ecclesie et monialibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam bene et pacifice libere et quiete absque ulla mei vel heredum meorum decetero reclamatione seu contradictione vel impedimento. Et licebit decetero predictis monialibus et earum successoribus facere etiam voluntatem suam totam integre sicut de sua propria et propria elemosina. Et ego et mei heredes tenemur predictis monialibus et earum successoribus predictum dominium sicut superius et divisu(m) contra omnes gentes garantizare et deffendere quotienscumque necesse fuerit ad sumptus suos si exinde, quod absit, aliqua moveatur consuetudo contra eas. Quod ut ratum et stabille futuris temporibus permaneat, hanc presentem cartam eisdem feci et tradidi sigilli mei munimine confirmatam. Actum anno domini M°CC XL nono (*sic*), mense Septembris assensu et voluntate mea. Testes sunt Amicus Rothomagensis ecclesie thesaurarius, Waleranus de Mello(n)to archidiaconus, Petrus cantor, Helias sacerdos, Robertus capellanus, magister Ricardus, Gydo Ebroicensis ecclesie archidiaconus, Willelmus de Riparia, Walter(us) de Casten(er)io, Walter(us) de Cornaco, Helias de Varnic, Ricardus de Cornovale, magister Taurinus, Radulfus filius Walteri, Girondi (*sic*) canonici et plures alii.

[1] *MS.* Henricus rex

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar. *52 H. (Bondeville Cartulary, 15th cent.), f. 43.
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 215 (calendared).
Date: The charter is dated 1249 (*sic*). Amicus was not treasurer of Rouen Cath. in 1149; Ralph the treasurer occurs in 1148, 1150, and 1153. Peter the cantor occurs in 1183. 'Waleranus de Mellonto archidiaconus' is a curious mistake for Waleran Count of Meulan. The text is no more convincing than the witnesses, the warranty clause suggesting a date no earlier than the end of the twelth century.

114. Bordesley Abbey (Dec. 1140–Jan. 1141, at Lincoln)

Grant of the land of Bordesley and the demesne-land of Bidford (Warws.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute anime mee et puerorum meorum et pro incolumitate totius regni mei, deo et monachis de Bordesleia totam terram de Bordesleia et totam terram dominicam de Bideford, preter illam quam villani ipsius ville tenent, ad tenendum eam bene et in pace et plenarie sicut eam dedi G(ualerano) comiti de Metll(ent). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi terras predictas teneant ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis, in via et semitis, in aquis et stagnis et molendinis et piscariis et in omnibus locis et rebus omnibus, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietanciis ad terras illas pertinentibus, et sicut carta ipsius G(ualerani) comitis de Metll(ent) qui eas eis dedit testatur quod tenere debeant. Testibus A(lexandro) episcopo Lincoln(iensi), et Adel(ulfo) episcopo Carlol(ensi), et R(oberto) canc(ellario), et Will(elmo) de Ipra, et Hug(one) Bigot, et Bald(uino) filio Gisl(berti), et Ing(elranno) de Sai, et Ric(ardo) de Curci, et Ric(ardo) filio Ursi. Apud Lincoliam.

MSS.: B.M. *Harley Ch. 43, c. 13 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{3}{4}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 370), with fragment of second seal on tag passed through a slit in the middle of the bottom fold, the reverse side of the seal being uppermost); Oxford, Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 110, f. 23 (copy), and Rawlinson MS. B. 102, f. 54^{v}, with drawing of the seal by Guillim (d. 1621); Northants. Rec. Soc. Finch-Hatton MS. 170, f. 28 (facs. of *c.* 1640).

Printed: *Book of Seals*, no. 110; Birch, in *Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.*, 2nd series, xi (1873), 23.

Date: Stephen's second seal, and therefore after June 1139, but not so soon after that Alexander of Lincoln cannot be at court. Before the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb. 1141), after which Lincoln was held for the empress till 1146, by which time Waleran of Meulan was quite an old supporter of the empress. With the exception of Adelulf Bishop of Carlisle, all the witnesses are known to have been present at the battle of Lincoln, and it is natural to assume that the charter must have passed only shortly before, especially as Hugh Bigod was in rebellion from May till August 1140.

115. Bordesley Abbey (25 July–15 Sept. 1141, at Devizes)

The empress confirms the abbey's lands (specified)

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus Angl(is) et Norm(annis) tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et imperpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo et Sancte Marie et abbatie mee de Bordesleia totam terram Bordesleie et Teneshal et in Terdebigg', Stapeltune et Ludeshale et Cobeslee, et apud Wichenesfort xl acras cum sede unius molendini quod solebat reddere iii solidos, et jus advocationis et dominationis ecclesie ejusdem Terdebig' cum virgata terre que erat de dominio, et totum dominium Budefordie, et Nortunie cum terra forestarii et Bedeli que solebat reddere iiii solidos, et totam terram Holoweie preter terram parcarii, et apud Fecheham terram ubi porcaria sita est cum dimidia virgata terre, et in foresta ejusdem Fecheh(am) omnia aisiamenta sua ad quecumque sibi fuerint necessaria, et novum puteum de Wich de proprio labore. Hec autem omnia dedi prefate abbatie Sancte Marie Virginis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in bosco et in plano et aquis et molendinis, pratis et pasturis, libere et quiete absque omni consuetudine seculari et exactione, et preter hec in Sabrina unam piscariam apud Erneleiam cum terra que ad eam pertinet. Hoc vero feci pro anima patris mei Henrici regis et Matildis regine matris mee et antecessorum meorum, et pro salute domini mei Gauf(ridi) comitis Andeg(avorum) et mea et Henrici heredis mei et aliorum filiorum meorum, et pro pace et stabilitate totius regni Anglie. Testibus Will(el)mo Cumino, et Rob(er)to comite Gloec(estrie), et Gualeranno comite Meldent', et Will(elm)o de Pontearch(arum), et Will(elm)o de Belloc(ampo), et Mil(one) comite Hereford(ie), et Will(elm)o de Feblato, et Gauf(rido) de Waltervill(a), et Jocelino de Bail(liolo), et Will(elm)o de Pino, et Roberto de Fremovill(a), et Johanno (*sic*) de Lunda, et Rad(ulfo) de Manlevill(a). Apud Divis(as).

MS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 20420 (original, $12\frac{1}{8}'' \times 4\frac{9}{10}''$, written in an unidentified hand on thick parchment, with fragment of seal on tag, showing inscr. ROMANO(RUM)).

Printed: Birch, *Journ. B.A.A.* xxi. 392; Warner and Ellis, i. 19 (facs.).
Date: See Warner and Ellis, i. 19. G. H. White (*T.R.H.S.* 4th series, xvii. 37) considers the charter spurious. We are prepared to accept the text as genuine even though the external appearance of the document is against it.

116. Bordesley Abbey (25 July 1141–24 June 1142, at Devizes)

The empress 'founds' the abbey

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus Angl(ie) et Norm(annie) tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Notum sit vobis me pro dei amore et pro anima H(enrici) regis patris mei et M(athildis) regine matris mee et parentum et antecessorum meorum et pro salute G(aufridi) comitis Andeg(avorum) domini mei et mea et H(enrici) heredis mei et aliorum filiorum meorum, et pro pace et stabilitate regni Angl(orum), fundasse abbatiam quandam que dicitur Bordesleia, de ordine Cisterciensi in honore Beatissime Virginis Marie regine celorum. Huic autem abbatie dedi et concessi et confirmavi totam terram Bordesleie et Teneshale et Ludeshale et Cobesleie et Holesweie preter terram parcarii et totum dominicatum Budefordie et Northunie in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis pertinentiis. Preterea jus advocationis et donationis ecclesie de Terdebiga cum virgata terre in eadem villa et quibusdam sartis prope divisam terre ejusdem abbatie, et novum puteum de Wich de proprio labore suo, et omnia aisiamenta sua in foresta de Feccaham cum omni libertate pasnagii et pasture et materierum ad edificia construenda et aliarum rerum usui necessarium, et unam piscariam apud Herneleiam cum terram (*sic*) que ad eam pertinet. Hec autem omnia libere et quiete in (*sic*) bene et in pace ab omni servitio et exactione et consuetudine seculari inperpetuum permansura concedo et sigilli mei impressione confirmo. Testibus Rob(erto) comite Gloecestr(ie), et Gualerann(o) comite Mell(enti), et Milon(e) comite Hereford(ie), et Will(elm)o de Pontearch(e) camer(ario), et Willelmo de Belloc(ampo), et Willelmo Diffublato, et Gaufrid(o) de Walt(er)vill(a), et Goscelino de Baillol, et Rob(erto) de Frumonvill(a). Apud Divis(as).[1]

[1] The place-date is beneath the fold.

MSS.: Mr. E. J. Willes, Upper St. Denis Farm, Shipston-on-Stour, Warws. (*original, 12¾″ × 5⅝″, written in a hand similar to, if not identical with, that of **115** and **632**, with a perfect seal of the empress (in a bag of blue and gold damask) on a leather thong, which has been passed through a slit in the fold and noosed, one end of the thong having been passed through a triangular aperture in the centre of the thong). Copies in Finch-Hatton MS. 170, f. 113; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 141.
Printed: *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 392 (from the original); **Book of Seals*, no. 514; *Monast.* v. 409.
Date: *The Book of Seals* says '1142, probably 29 March or 19 April', but the absolute limits are the creation of Miles as Earl of Hereford (25 July 1141), and 24 June 1142 when Robert Earl of Gloucester left for Normandy (for he was never in Oxford again).

116a. Boscherville, Abbey of St. George (1152–67, at Le Pré, Rouen)

The empress confirms the grant by Roscelin fitz Claremboud of Longchamp to the abbey

Notum sit presentibus et futuris quod ego M(atildis) imperatrix, H(enrici) regis filia, do et concedo et carta mea confirmo abbatie Sancti Georgii de Bauq(e)rvilla elemosinam suam quam Roscelinus filius Clare(m)boudi eidem abbatie per meam voluntatem et concessionem dedit, scilicet terram de Longo Campo que est in orailli foreste de Rowmara a via Grandismare usque ad cheminum Rothomagi sub Sancto Georgio cum Holesbose usque ad arabilem terram. Et volo et precipio quod prefata abbatia habeat illam terram inperpetuum cum bosco bene et in pace libere et quiete, ita quod homines sui habeant mortuum boscum sine consuetudine, et sint quieti de forestagio et de consuetudine de foresta. Testibus Godardo de Waus,[1] Roberto filio Henrici, Bernero Comin. Apud Pratum.

[1] *i.e.* de Vallibus *or* de Vaux.

MS.: Rouen, *Bibl. Mun. Y. 52, f. 62.
Date: After **306a**, and before Matilda's death.

117. Boulogne, Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen (Mar.–Nov. 1137, at Rouen)

Confirmation of the annual rent of £20 from Boughton Aluph (Kent)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et episcopo Rovecestrensi et abbatibus et vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de Chent salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et infirmis de Sancta Maria Magdalena de Bolonia in perpetuam elemosinam xx libras de redditu singulis annis in manerio de Buctona quas comes Eustachius eis dedit et ego in comitatu meo confirmavi et regem Anglorum Henricum avunculum meum hoc concedere et confirmare feci. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant jure perpetuo, quoniam eis hoc ab antecessore meo comite Eustachio et postmodum a rege Henrico et a me post comite et post rege sancitum et perhenniter collatum est. Testibus R(ogero) cancellario, et H(ugone) Bigot, et W(illelmo) de Alb(ini) pinc(erna), et Willelmo Pev[e]rel, et Johanne Mareschal, et W(illelmo) Monacho, et Ricardo de Bolonia, et Baldewino clerico. Apud Roth(omagum).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 11 Ed. II, m. 7, Pat. R. 11 Ed. II m. 7.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 374.
Date: While Stephen was at Rouen. For Henry I's confirmation of his previous grant see *Regesta*, ii. 1924.

118. Great Bricett, Priory (Nov. 1152–Oct. 1154, and probably Aug. 1153, at 'Old' Ipswich)

Grant of two fairs of three days and a weekly market

Stefanus rex Anglorum dux Normannorum episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis per Angliam salutem. Sciatis me dedisse concessisse (*sic*) ecclesie Sancti Leonardi de Brisete et canonicis regularibus in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quod habeant duas ferias singulis annis, scilicet ad festum Sancti Laurencii et ad festum Sancti Leonardi, durantes per tres dies, cum tolno et stalagio, et quod habeant mercatum singulis diebus martis per annum simul cum tolno et stalagio. Quare volo et precipio quod ferias illas et mercatum ecclesia illa et canonici in feodo ecclesie sue bene et in pace possideant in perpetuam elemosinam solute et quiete ab omni seculari exactione et servitio, et omnes illuc euntes ibique negotiantes indeque redeuntes meam firmam pacem habeant cum omnibus mercationibus et catallis suis, nec super hoc aliquis eos injuste desturbet super decem libris forisfacture. Teste (*sic*) comite Albrico, et Rogero comite Clarie, et Henrico de Essex(a), et Ricardo de Lucie, et W(illelmo) Marcal (*sic*), et Ricardo de Canvill(a), et Galfrido de Ver. Apud Gipewic vet(us).

MS.: Cambridge, King's Coll., *B. 7a (pretended original, 6¾″ × 5″, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 87) which seems too late for this reign, but with a good impression of Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue).
Date: Roger succ. to the earldom of Clare on 22 Nov. 1152, and Stephen besieged Ipswich in Aug. 1153, but it is incredible that Stephen should have been styled duke of Normandy at that date.

119. Bridlington Priory (1135–9, at York)

General confirmation

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti amen. Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis principibus baronibus et universis fidelibus totius Anglie clericis et laicis Francis et Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Quoniam ad hoc a suprema potestate regal(em) celsitudinem potestatis accepimus ut in ecclesia dei potentiam nostram juste pariter et misericorditer exerceamus, visum est nobis ut non solum sub nostra tuitione et munimine ab infestantium malitia atque calumpnia tueatur, verum etiam ad suarum sustentationem necessitudinum nostri muneris liber[ali]tate foveatur. Precipue vero illis hec facere debemus qui voluntariam subeuntes paupertatem sub regulari disciplina domino militare decreverunt, ut secundum apostolum 'ex nostra opulentia eorum suppleatur indigentia' et nos eorum interventu in eterna recipiamur tabernacula. Damus itaque et sub presentis hujus carte nostre privilegio atque attestatione confirmamus ecclesie Sancte Marie de Brellintona et canonicis regularibus deo ibidem servientibus duas carucatas terre ex meo dominio, quarum una et dimidia est in Estona, dimidia vero in Hildertorp, solutas et

quietas ab omni geldo et omnibus consuetudinibus; cetera vero que a Waltero de Gant et a Jordano Paganel vel ab aliis baronibus et vavassoribus meis data sunt predicte ecclesie et in hujus carte nostre pagina continentur concedimus atque ejusdem carte auctoritate confirmamus. Walterus de Gant dedit ipsi ecclesie tredecim carucatas terre in Brellingtona; Jordanus Paganel dedit in eadem villa unam carucatam terre pro anima Geretrudis uxoris sue, dono et concessione Stephani de Meinill privigni sui; homines Walteri de Gant dederunt eidem ecclesie concessione ipsius Walteri:— [videlicet] Willelmus constabularius dedit unam carucatam in Basingeby; Forno dedit in eadem villa duas bovatas; Machernus dedit duas bovatas in Hildertorp; Radulfus Buht et Gozelinus filius ejus dederunt duas bovatas in Estona; Radulfus dedit quatuor bovatas in Grend(ala); Gozo dedit quatuor bovatas in Buchetona; Malgerus dedit quatuor bovatas in Richtona; Morcarus dedit unam bovatam in Benitona concessione Roberti de Brus domini sui. Item Walterus de Gant dedit ecclesiam de Edenham et aliam de Wicham et dimidiam ecclesiam de Suthfereby et ecclesiam de Fiveley et ecclesiam de Sualadala; Adelardus autem venator dedit, concessione Henrici filii sui et concessu Walteri domini sui, ecclesiam de Wilardeby et de Galmetona; Stephanus comes de Albemara[1] dedit ecclesiam de Bovintona; Willelmus filius Nigelli dedit ecclesiam de Flemeburhc et Eustachius filius Johannis concessit et in dedicatione ipsius ecclesie accrevit eidem ecclesie unam bovatam terre; ecclesiam quoque de Cuthuna dedit idem Eustachius; Everardus filius Petri dapiferi de Hildernessa dedit ecclesiam de Attingewic; Radulfus de Gosla dedit ecclesiam de Sprotelaia. Has omnes ecclesias et terras dederunt predicti domini solutas et quietas ab omni geldo et consuetudinibus preter geldum meum, videlicet Danegeldum. Preterea concedo et confirmo escambium toftorum quod fecerunt inter se canonici et Jordanus Paganel. Et ad hoc Willelmus de Moion et uxor ejus Agnes dederunt ecclesiam de Wicheforda; Emma uxor Alani de Perci dedit unam carrucatam terre concessu Willelmi filii sui in Neuton. Testibus [Alexandro] episcopo Linc(olniensi), N(igello)[2] ep(iscopo) Eliens(i), et Rogero canc(ellario). Apud Eboracum.

[1] *Died before 1130.* [2] *MSS.* H

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 2 Hen. IV, m. 21; Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 32, f. 20; B.M. Add. MS. 40008, f. 162 (notice).

Printed: **E.Y.C.* ii, no. 1144; *Monast.* vi. 289; Stevens, *Continuation*, ii, App. 337 b; *Chart. Bridl.* 1 and 213 (abstracts).

Date. While Roger was chancellor. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1811 for an almost identical charter of Henry I; the B.M. cartulary describes it as 'sub eisdem verbis'.

120. Bridlington Priory (1136–8, at Nottingham)

Confirmation of the grant made by Eustace fitz John of the church of Scalby (N. Yorks.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justicie et baronibus et vicecomiti et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis de Ebor(aci)scira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in elemosinam canonicis ecclesie Sancte Marie de Brid(elintona) ecclesiam de Scalleby cum capellis et terris ad eam pertinentibus et omnibus aliis rebus que ad prefatam ecclesiam pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace libere et quiete eam teneant sicut Eustac(hius) filius Joh(annis) eam eis dedit et concessit. Teste Hugone de Say, et Rog(ero) de Vescy. Apud Notingham.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40008, f. 204.

Printed: *E.Y.C.* i, no. 361; *Chart. Bridl.* 268 (abstract).

Date: Eustace fitz John had deserted to the Scots by Aug. 1138.

121. Bridlington Priory (1136–54, at York)

The canons to have sac, soc, and other liberties

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) arch(iepiscopo) Eborac(ensi) et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Eboraciscira et totius Anglie salutem. Precipio et concedo quod ecclesia de Brellintona et canonici regulares ibidem deo servientes habeant tol et team et socam et sacam et infangeneteof et quietationem teloneorum et

omnes consuetudines de dominicis rebus suis per totam terram meam in burgo et extra et alias libertates omnes et consuetudines quas alie ecclesie religiose in Eboraciscira melius habent. T(este) N(igello) ep(iscop)o de Eli. Apud Eboracum.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 15–17 Ric. II, no. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 40008, f. 163.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 331; *E.Y.C.* iii, no. 1145; *Chart. Bridl.* 268 (abstract).

122. Bridlington Priory (1135–46)

The canons to be seised, or re-seised, of their church of East Cowton (N. Yorks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) comiti Alan(o) et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancte Marie de Brid(lintona) teneant ecclesiam suam de Couton(a) et omnes res suas eidem ecclesie pertinentes ita bene et in pace, libere et quiete, sicut melius vel liberius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et sicut carta sua testatur et sicut mea carta quam ipsi habent testatur. Et si ipsi super hoc inde dissaisati sint cito resaisiantur, ne super hoc amplius audiam inde clamorem. Et quicquid inde captum est, cito reddatur. Teste Ad(a) de Beln(aco). Apud . . .

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40008, f. 161v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.* v. 278 (no. 339); *Chart. Bridl.* 212 (abstract).
Date: Earl Alan d. 15 Sept. 1146, in Brittany.

123. Bridlington Priory (1149–54, at Lincoln)

Confirmation of Earl Gilbert's grant of the land which William his constable held from him

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et com(iti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eboraciskira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Brid(lintona) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus donationem illam quam Gilb(er)t(us) comes Linc(olnie) eis fecit de tota terra illa quam Willelmus constabul(arius) ejus tenuit de feodo suo in Ebor(aci)skira. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, in perpetuam elemosinam sicut idem comes Gilbertus eam dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Rob(ert)o Gresled, et Will(elmo) Fossard. Apud Linc(olniam).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40008, f. 161, and Add. MS. 26736, f. 72v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.* iii, no. 1158; *Chart. Bridl.* 212 (abstract).
Date: Gilbert de Gant cr. Earl of Lincoln after 19 Dec. 1148.

124. Bridlington Priory (1138–54, at *Rethesworda*)

The prior to hold the port of Bridlington in peace

Stephanus rex Anglorum comiti Eboracensi et ministris suis salutem. Mando vobis quod permittatis priorem de Brid(lintona) bene et in pace tenere et habere portum suum de Brid(lintona) sicut Walt(erus) de Gaunt et Gilb(ertu)s pater suus illum melius tenuerunt aliquo tempore, ne super hoc fiat ei inde injuria vel contumelia. Et faciatis omnes ibidem applicantes juste habere pacem meam, ne aliquis eos injuste disturbet neque infestet. Teste Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Rethsw(ordam).[1]

[1] *Chart. R.* Rotheswordam

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40008, f. 163; P.R.O. Chart. R. 5 Ed. II, m. 7 and 15 Ric. II, m. 27, Pat. R. 2 Hen. IV and 5 Ed. IV; Oxford, Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 9, f. 140.
Printed: *E.Y.C.* iii, no. 1146; *Monast.* vi. 286; Lancaster, *Chart. Bridl.* 2 and 215 (abstracts).
Date: No Earl of York before Aug. 1138.

125. Bridlington Priory (Dec. 1148–Oct. 1154, at Lincoln)

The canons to hold the church of Horncastle (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) R(oberto) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et just(icie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Lincolscir(a) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancte Marie de Britlintona bene et in pace libere et quiete teneant ecclesiam de Hornecastr(a) quam eis dedi et omnes ecclesias de soca que ad eam pertinent, cum terris et decimis et tenuris illis, quietas et solutas omni seculari exactione sicut liberius tenent suas alias tenuras, ne super hoc aliquis eis in contumeliam faciat, quia eis imperpetua elemosina dedi. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de V(er), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Linc(olniam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dodsworth MS. 7, f. 329^{v} (transcript from the original, formerly in St. Mary's tower, York).
Printed; *E.Y.C.* iii, no. 1147.
Date: After Robert Chesney cons. Bishop of Lincoln 19 Dec. 1148.

126. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (Jan.–May 1153)

Duke Henry's confirmation, particularly of Almondsbury (Glos.) and one hide at Wapley (Glos.), Abbots' Leigh (Som.), Fifehead (Dorset), and 'Blackenesþhurd'

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis salutem et dilectionem. Notum vobis facio tam presentibus quam futuris me concessisse et presentis mee carte munimine confirmasse ecclesie beati Augustini de Bristou de canonicis regularibus quam initio juventutis mee beneficiis et protectione cepi juvare et fovere causa et amore dei omnes illas terras et redditus pertinentes ad coronam Anglie, qui prefate ecclesie Sancti Augustini et canonicis prenominatis in elemosina a me vel ab alio dati sunt vel in futurum dabuntur; et nominatim Almodesburia(m) cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis et consuetudinibus suis, et hidam terre unam, liberam et quietam apud Wappeleiam. Et preterea de alienis feodis Legam et Fifidam et Blackenesþhurd, que data sunt eis, et omnes alios redditus qui ecclesie pretaxate in futurum dabuntur. Concedo etiam eis et ecclesie confirmo x libratas reddituum quas ego ipse in presenti ipsis canonicis et ecclesie sue predicte dedi pro anima avi mei Henrici regis et mea propria salute; alias quoque x libratas reddituum suppleturus, cum hereditatem meam dei gratia adquisitus fuero. Testibus hiis subscriptis, Will(elm)o com(ite) Glouc(estrie), Regnaudo com(ite) Cornub(ie), Rob(ert)o de Dunsta(n)villa, Rob(er)to filio Ardingi, Henrico et Mauricio fil(iis) ejus, Ric(ard)o de Humez constabular(io), Manesser Biset dapifero, Guarino fil(io) Geroldi camerario, Hub(er)to dapifero.

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 11 Ed. II, pt. 2, m. 29.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 366 (no. iii).
Date: The witnesses show the charter was given in England while Henry was Count of Anjou and before he took the title Duke of Aquitaine.

127. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (*c.* Jan. 1154, at Dunstable)

King Stephen confirms Duke Henry's grant (**126**)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Augustini de Bristou et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus omnes illas terras quas Henricus dux Normann(orum) ei dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, Lega(m) scilicet juxta Bristou, Almodesberia(m), Fifhida(m) in Dorseta, Aiseleswrd(am) juxta Gloucestr(iam), unam hidam[1] apud Wapeleia(m), viginti solidos redditus de telariis Glo(uestrie), unam hidam[1] de Lasseb(er)ga, centum solidatas terre apud Cernay. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus predicti canonici de Brist(ou) omnia ista predicta libere et quiete ab exactione seculari teneant cum omnibus suis pertinentiis sicut carta prefati Henrici ducis Normannorum testatur, qui

[1] *MS.* hidria(m)

ejusdem loci fundator est. Nullus igitur eis injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. Testibus Will(elm)o de Kaisneto, Ric(ardo) de Camvill(a), Ric(ardo) de Hum(eto) constabul(ari)o, Manes(sero) Bis(set) dap(ifero), Guar(ino) fil(io) Ger(oldi) cam(erari)o. Ap(ud) Dunstabl(um).

MS.: P.R.O. * Chart. R. 11 Ed. II, m. 5.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 378.
Date: After the Treaty of Westminster; cf. **583**.

128. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (? Jan. 1154)

Duke Henry grants Aylworth (Glos.) and confirms the abbey's lands generally

H(enricus) . . .[1] dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Notum facio omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus me pro dei amore et mea salute et pro salute meorum antecessorum dedisse et in perpetuam elemosinam concessisse ecclesie Beati Augustini de Bristou et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus Asseleswrþam juxta Glocestriam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano in aquis in pratis in pascuis in essartis in viis in semitis, cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus suis quas habebat in tempore Henrici regis avi mei. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut in perpetuam elemosinam prefatam villam habeant et teneant sine vexatione et inquietudine et calumnia, et sine omni exactione sicut liberam elemosinam. Et sciatis quod predicta villa fuit adjacens ad Berkeleiam et membrum ejus donec illam optuli in elemosinam perpetuam super altare Sancti Augustini de Bristou. Preterea sciatis me concessisse et concessionem meam presenti carta confirmasse predicte ecclesie Sancti Augustini de Bristou et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam omnes illas terras et redditus alios qui juste dati sunt vel dabuntur predicte ecclesie Sancti Augustini in elemosinam, nominatim Almodesberiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus que fuit membrum de Berkeleia, et Legam que fuit membrum Bedmunstrie que est juxta Bristou; et Fifhidam in Dorseta que est de feudo comitis Cestrie quam comes Cestrie Randulfus predicte ecclesie in elemosinam perpetuam donavit; et centum solidatas terre et quatuor culturas preter hec quas Rogerus comes Herefordie donavit predicte ecclesie de suo hereditario jure apud Cernay, et unam hydam terre apud Wappelegiam et ecclesiam ejusdem ville cum pertinentiis suis, et dimidiam hidam terre apud Cuderintunam, et terram quam habent apud Blakeneswrthiam, et xx^{ti} solidos de annuo redditu apud Gloucestriam, et intra villam de Bristoue ecclesiam Sancti Leonardi et ecclesiam Sancti Nich(olai). Teste Will(elm)o Cumino, Henrico thesaurario, Will(elm)o comite Gloucestrie, et Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Rob(er)to de Dunstaunvilla, Rob(er)to filio Hardingi, et Mauricio filio ejus, Ric(ard)o de Humez constabulario, Manaset Biseth dapifero, Guarino filio Geroldi camerario, Will(elm)o filio Hamu(n)di, Gregorio de Turre, Hugone de Gundevilla, Hugone de Longocampo.

[1] *MS.* dei gratia rex Anglorum et

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart R. 11 Ed. II, m. 5.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 377.
The Chart. R. gives Henry the title of King, but Sayles and Richardson (*Governance of England*, 257, n. 3) attribute it rightly to Duke Henry. William Cumin witnessed for Duke Henry 1153–4, but not apparently after his coronation. For 3 more charters see **996–8**.

129. Brockenhurst Serjeanty (? Jan. 1154, at Dunstable)

Grant to Alvric of Brochelea of his land in Brockenhurst (Hants), his grandfather's lands in Wilts. and Hants, and his serjeanty

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Wyntoniensi et justitie et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Hantescira et Wiltescira salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Alvrico de Brochelea in feodo et hereditate terram in Brochehersta et totam terram que fuit avi sui in Hantescira et in Wiltescira et ministerium suum, sicut illud habuit tempore regis Henrici. Et volo et precipio quod idem Alvricus terram illam et ministerium

suum, scilicet de foresta mea, bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneat cum omnibus rectitudinibus et liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus aliquis ante eum melius tenuit. Testibus Henrico de Essexa, et Warnero de Lusoriis, et Silvestri filio Symonis. Apud Dunestapl(um).

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 12 Ed. III, m. 20.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iv. 443.
Date: It is tempting, but not necessary, to date this about the same time as **130–1** (1153–4); Henry of Essex and Warner de Lusors both witness at Dunstable for Stephen in 1154 in very similar circumstances in **583**.

130. Brockenhurst Serjeanty (probably Jan. 1154, at Dunstable)

Duke Henry grants Brockenhurst (Hants) to William Spileman

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justitiis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis et amicis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse et confirmasse Willelmo Spilemanno servienti meo sicut justo heredi in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis totam terram que fuit Edwardi Unnithingi et Hugonis fratris sui et Alveredi parvi, sicut ipsi melius et liberius unquam tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis avi mei et antecessorum meorum, videlicet Brokeherstam cum pertinentiis suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut illam cum pertinentiis suis ipse et heredes sui teneant bene et in pace, libere, quiete, et honorifice. Testibus Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Ricardo de Humez constabulario, Manassero Biset dapifero, Guarino filio Geroldi camerario, Willelmo filio Alani, Huberto de Vallibus, Roberto Marescallo. Apud Dunestapl(um).

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 12 Ed. III, m. 20.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iv. 442.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in England. Most probably Jan. 1154. See **583–4**. Richard de Humez, Manasser Bisset, and Warin fitz Gerold also witnessed **140** at Dunstable.

131. Brockenhurst Serjeanty (1153–4, at London)

Confirming Duke Henry's grant to William Spileman

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justitiis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie, Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quia concedo donationem terre quam Henricus dux Normannorum fecit Willelmo Spilemanno servienti suo de terra que fuit Edwardi Unnithing'. Et bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneat cum omnibus pertinentiis ejus sicut idem dux Normannorum concedit et dedit ei per cartam suam quam habet. Testibus Ricardo de Luci, et Willelmo Martel, et Willelmo de Caisneto. Apud Londonias.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 12 Ed. III, m. 20.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iv. 443.
Date: After the Treaty of Westminster (Nov./Dec. 1153).

132. Buildwas Abbey (1138, at the siege of Shrewsbury)

Confirmation of the grant of the manor of Buildwas (Salop) which is freed from geld etc.

S(tephanus) rex Anglor(um) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Ceaddi et abbati et monachis de ordine Saviniac(ensi) in ea deo servientibus de Billewas totum manerium ipsum in bosco et plano et hominibus et omnibus ad illud pertinentibus sicut Rogerus episcopus Cestr(ie) locum illum eis dedit et coram me concessit. Ego quoque pro animabus patrum et parentum meorum et nominatim pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea et uxoris mee regine et fratrum et filiorum meorum clamo eis quietum imperpetuum manerium illud quod se pro una hida se defendebat, quietum dico et liberum de scoto et lotto et geldo et deneg(eldo) et auxiliis et operationibus castellorum et pontium et exercitu et omni terreno servitio quod

mihi pertinebat de illa hida terre. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant amodo usque in sempiternum. Et ut ista mea concessio et episcopi donatio firma et inconcussa permaneat presentis sigilli mei eam confirmatione corroboro et subsequentium attestatione communio. T(estibus) R(oberto) episcopo Hereford(ensi), et R(oberto) comite Legr(ecestrie), et com(ite) Sim(one) de Silvane(cte), et Rob(erto) de Ferr(ariis), et M(ilone) Gloec(estrie), et W(illelmo) de Albini pincerna, et Hugone de Gurnaco, et Phil(ippo) de Belnuc. Apud Salopesbiriam in obsidione, anno inc(arnationis) D(omi)nice MC° XXX° ix, regni vero mei t(er)tio.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero C. iii, f. 177 (original, $8\frac{7}{8}'' \times 4\frac{7}{8}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 362) with no seal, tag, or tongue). Copy in Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. xi, f. 43.
Printed: *Pal. Soc. Facs.*, Series ii, pl. 21 (facs.).
Date and authenticity: The siege of Shrewsbury was in Aug. 1138 (Ord. Vit., bk. xiii, c. 37), so the regnal year is given correctly though not the A.D. Similarly it would have been difficult, though not impossible, for Robert de Ferrers to be at this siege, since on 22 Aug. 1138 he was at the battle of the Standard at Northallerton, Yorks. (Hen. Hunt. 264), after which he was made an earl. The formula about the *trimoda necessitas* is an archaism which matches the 'fanciful and mannered forms' of the script, but both these features are typical of much of the work of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., pl. v and notes). It should be noted, however, that besides producing several authentic originals (e.g. **688**) he also produced one proven forgery (**679**), and that the charter here 'confirmed' was not written until 1145–6. See p. xiv.

133. Burton Abbey (1136–8, at Nottingham)

The abbot to have his court and not to be forced to plead elsewhere except for default of justice

Steph(anu)s rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) et vicecom(itibus) et baronibus et omnibus in quorum ballia abbas Burthonie terram habet salutem. Precipio quod abbas Burthon(ie) habeat curiam suam ita bene et in pace sicut rex Henr(icus) precepit per breve suum, neque cogatur exire de curia ad placitandum in alia curia dum se ibi de recto non defecerit. T(este) R(oberto) de Ferr(ariis). Apud Notingh(am).

MS.: B.M. *MS. Loans 30 (Burton Cartulary), f. 13.
Printed: *Wm. Salt Soc.* (Old Series), v (i). 11.
Date: Before Robert Ferrers was created Earl (after 22 Aug. 1138).

134. Burton Abbey (1135–9, at Westminster)

The abbot to hold his lands, esp. (Church?) Leigh and Whiston (Staffs.) as in the time of Henry I

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) Miloni Glouc(estrie) et vic(ecomiti) Stafford(scire) salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Burto(nia) teneat omnes terras suas bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut melius tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et super hoc non ponatur in plac(itum) v(er)sus Anglic(um) de aliqua terra quam modo teneat, et nominatim de terra sua de Leia, et non ponatur in novas consuetudines de terra sua de Witstan, nec in alias quas facit de aliis terris suis in Staffordscir(a). T(este) Will(elmo) de Alb(ini) pinc(erna). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: B.M. *MS. Loans 30 (Burton Cartulary) f. 13.
Printed: *Wm. Salt Soc.* (Old Series), v (i). 11; van Caenegem, *Royal Writs*, no. 165 (from *Wm. Salt Soc.*).
Date: Before the defection of Miles of Gloucester (Sept. 1139).

135. Burton Abbey (1135–9, at Westminster)

The abbot to be reseised of his land of Stratton (Warws.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) de Warwic(scira) et vic(ecomiti) [et ministris] salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Burt(onia) teneat omnes terras suas et omnes res suas ita bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut melius tenuit tempore regis Henrici. Et de terra sua de Strattona quam Alanus filius Flaald(i) ecclesie dedit in elemosina(m), unde est injuste et sine judic(io) dissaisitus, resaisiatur, et in pace teneat. Et si quid inde captum est injuste reddatur. Teste W(illelmo) de Alb(ineo) pinc(erna). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Burton-on-Trent, Municipal Offices, *Anglesey Charters (original, $6\frac{3}{8}'' \times 2\frac{7}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 50) with stub of tongue but no seal).
Printed: I. H. Jeayes, Staffs. Rec. Soc., *Collections* (1937), p. 11, no. 12; T.A.M. Bishop., *Scriptores Regis*, pl. xix (b) (facs.).
Date: before William d'Albini *pincerna* was Earl of Lincoln (*c.* 1139).

136. Burton Abbey (1136–54, at Whitchurch)

The abbey to have its land of Chotes in peace in spite of Stephen de Beauchamp

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justiciar(iis) vicecom(itibus) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie de Burthona et abbas et monachi ejusdem ecclesie teneant terram suam de Chotes ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et pacifice sicut rex Willelmus avus meus illam predicte ecclesie dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, ne super hoc Stephanus de Belca(m)p(o) vel aliquis alius eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Witcherche.

MS.: B.M. *MS. Loans 30 (Burton Cartulary), f. 13.
Printed: *Wm. Salt Soc.* (Old Series), v (i) 11.

Bury St. Edmunds (*burgus Sancti Eadmundi*), *see* St. Edmund's Abbey.

137. Caen, Holy Trinity Abbey (Aug. 1153–Oct. 1154, at London)

Quittance for all assarts made on their estate at Felsted (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et forest(ariis) et ministris et omnibus suis Essex(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Cadomo et abbatisse et sanctimonialibus ejusdem ecclesie et hominibus suis de Felsted(a) in perpetuam elemosinam quietantiam omnium essartorum que facta fuerunt infra tenementum Felestede a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo post mortem comitis Eust(achii) fil(ii) mei in retro. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta abbatissa et homines sui de Felesteda omnia illa essarta bene et in pace teneant, et colant illa ita quiete de clamis[1] foreste et forisfactis essartorum sicut quietius tenent alias terras suas. T(estibus) Ric(ardo) de Luci, et com(ite) Alb(e)r(ico), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto). Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *C.C.R.* placitis

MSS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados: *Abbaye de la Sainte Trinité de Caen, carton I, from *inspeximus* of Edward III; P.R.O. Chart. R. 33 Ed. III, m. 5.
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 427 (2) (calendared, but wrongly); *C.C.R.* v. 159.
Date: After the death of Eustace (17 Aug. 1153).

138. Cambridge, St. Radegund's Priory (1135–54, at the siege of Meppershall, Beds.)

Confirmation of a grant of land at Shelford (Cambs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo de Eli et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Canteb(rugie)scira salutem. Sciatis me confirmasse et concessisse ecclesie et sanctimonialibus Sancte Marie de Cantebrugia donationem illam quam Willelmus Monachus aurifaber eis fecit de ii virgatis terre et de vi acris de prato et de iiii cotariis cum teneura sua in Schelforda in elemosina pro anima regis Henrici et pro dei fidelibus. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et sanctimoniales terram predictam et pratum et cotarios cum teneura sua bene et in pace et libere et quiete et in elemosina teneant soluta et quieta omni seculari exactione et servitio, sicut idem Willelmus illam eis dedit et concessit. T(estibus) Will(elmo) Martell, et Rain(aldo) de Warenna. A(pud) Map(er)teshala(m) in obsidione.

MSS.: Cambridge, Jesus College (original, $6'' \times 5\frac{1}{8}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 85) with narrow tongue but no seal. Parchment unusually thick); P.R.O. Chart. R. 7 Ed. II, m. 15 (copy).
Printed: A. Gray, *Priory of St. Radegund, Cambridge*, 74–75; *Bishop in *Camb. Antiq. Soc.* xlv (1952), pl. I (facs.); *Monast.* iv. 216.
Date: Not 1138 as suggested by Howlett (*Chronicles* ii. 31 n.), since the siege is that of Meppershall, not Bedford. Reginald Warenne suggests a date after 1147 (*E.Y.C.* viii. 26) and so does *scriptor* xxii.

139. Cambridge, St. Radegund's Priory (17 Aug. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Cambridge)

Confirmation of the grant of a fishery and water etc. by the Countess Constance, wife of Earl Eustace the king's son

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo de Eli et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Cantebrug(ie)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam comitissa Constantia uxor comitis Eust(achii) filii mei fecit sanctimonialibus de Cantebrug(ia) in elemosinam de tota piscatura et aqua que burgo Cantebr(ugie) pertinet et de quietantia totius terre sue. Quare volo et precipio quod sanctimoniales ille totam terram suam et piscariam et aquam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant solutam et quietam ab omni seculari exactione et servitio sicut predicta comitissa Const(antia) illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Fulc(one) de Oilli, et Rob(erto) fil(io) Unfr(idi), et Ric(ardo) de Bada, et Henr(ico) de Novomercato. Apud Cantebrug(iam).

MSS.: Cambridge, Jesus College (original, $6\frac{3}{16}'' \times 3\frac{13}{16}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii; tongue and seal both missing); P.R.O. Chart. R. 7 Ed. II, m. 15 (copy).

Printed: A. Gray, *Priory of St. Radegund, Cambridge*, 75; *Bishop in *Camb. Antiq. Soc.* xlv (1952), pl. 1 (facs.); *Monast.* iv. 216.

Date: Constance's own charter (Gray, 75) is clearly after Eustace's death.

140. Camville, Richard de (1154 at Dunstable)

Duke Henry confirms Stanton Harcourt (Oxon.) to Milicent wife of Richard de Camville

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus hominibus et fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me petitione et precepto regis Stephani concessisse et confirmasse Milicenti uxori Ricardi de Camvilla in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis villam de Stantuna cum pertinentiis suis sicut regina Adelisia illam ei in maritagium dedit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ipsa et heredes sui de me et heredibus meis teneant bene et in pace et honorifice prefatam villam cum omnibus pertinentiis in bosco et in plano, in pratis, pasturis, viis, semitis, molendinis, aquis, et in omnibus rebus cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus quas habuit tempore Henrici regis avi mei. T(estes) Rogerus comes Heref(ordie), R(icardus) de Humet const(abularius), Manasser Bisset dapifer, Guar(inus) filius Ger(oldi) camerar(ius), Gilbertus de Lacy, W(illelmus) de Caisneto. Apud Duns(ta)b(lum).

MS. and Date: As for **140a**.

140a. Camville, Richard de (1154, at St. Albans)

Testificant aliam suam cartam in forma similiter Rogerus comes Heref(ordie), et Walter(us) frater ejus, W(illelmus) de Caisneto, Guar(inus) fil(ius) Geroldi camerarius, Henric(us) fil(ius) Ger(oldi), Alanus de Falaysa. Apud S(anc)t(um) Albanu(m).

MS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 860A, f. 38^{v} (16th cent. transcript from 'the book that was of Stanton Harcourt').

Date: After the treaty of Westminster.

141. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1135–9)

Freedom from toll in Boulogne and Wissant

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) et ministris suis de Bolon(ia) et Witsand salutem. Precipio quod monachi Sancte Trinitatis Cant(uariensis) et omnes res eorum sint quieti de theloneo passagio et omni consuetudine sicut precepi per alia brevia mea. Et quicquid de suo super hoc captum est, reddatur. T(estibus) R(ogero) de Fisc(anno),[1] Archiep(iscop)o Rothom(agensi).

[1] *E* Cicestens'

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Reg. A., f. 344, and E., f. 38.

Date: Hugh Archbishop of Rouen was in England at Easter 1136 and again in Sept 1139. He was also much with Stephen in Normandy in 1137.

142. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1136, at Oxford)

Grant of the tenement and service which Geoffrey Ros held in chief

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Willelmo Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Cant(uarie) et omnibus successoribus suis post eum inperpetuum totam teneduram Gaufr(idi) de Ros quam tenuit de me in capite et servitium suum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ita bene et honorifice et libere teneant sicut melius et liberius et honorabilius tenent alias teneduras suas et sicut Gaufr(idus) liberius de me tenuit. T(estibus) Henr(ico) Winton(iensi) ep(iscop)o, et Joh(ann)e Roffens(i) ep(iscop)o, et Rob(ert)o de Ver, et Ric(ard)o de Luceio, et Hug(one) de Dovera, et Ansfr(ido) vic(ecomite), et Rad(ulpho) Picot. Apud Oxinefordam.

MSS.: Lambeth Palace Library, *MS. 1212, p. 25; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B 461, f. 40 (incomplete).
Date: Archbishop William *d.* 21 Nov. 1136. This is an unusual attestation of Richard de Lucy before 1139 (cf. *G. de M.* 49).

143. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1135–40, at Fareham)

The prior and convent to hold their lands well and freely, and Aubrey de Vere to see to it

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) in quorum potestate prior et conventus Sancte Trinitatis Cant(uariensis) terras habent, salutem. Precipio quod prior et monachi habeant et teneant terras et homines et omnia sua cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis suis ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut unquam melius et liberius habuerunt antecessores eorum tempore antecessorum meorum et tempore regis Henrici. Et nisi feceritis A(lbericus) de Ver et justic(ia) mea faciant. T(este) R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Ferha(m).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter C. 11 (original, $5\frac{4}{5}'' \times 1\frac{9}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 98); tongue but no seal); copy in Reg. A., f. 91^{v}.
Printed: *Bibliothèque de l'École des Chartes*, lxix, p. 579 (incomplete).
Date: The elder Aubrey de Vere died in 1140 or 1141, and the younger went over to the empress and became Earl of Oxford in 1141. Quite possibly in 1137, on Stephen's way to or from Normandy.

144. Canterbury, Cath. and See (Dec. 1138–54)

General confirmation (bilingual)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum episcopis comitibus proceribus vicecomitibus ceterisque suis fidelibus Francis et Anglis in omnibus comitatibus in quibus archiepiscopus Teobaldus et monachi ecclesie Christi Cantuarie terras habent amicabiliter salutem. Notum vobis facio me concessisse eis omnes terras quas tempore regis Edwardi cognati mei et tempore Willelmi avi mei et tempore Henrici avunculi mei habuerunt, et saca et socne on strande et streame on wude on felde tolnes et teames et grithbreces et hamsocne et forestealles et utfangenesthiofes[1] et flemenefermthe super suos homines infra burgos et extra in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii ministri mei exquirere deberent, et etiam super tot thegenes quot eis concesserunt prefati reges. Et nolo ut aliquis hominum se intromittat nisi ipsi et ministri eorum quibus ipsi committere voluerint, nec Francus nec Anglus, propterea quia ego concessi Christo has consuetudines pro redemptione anime mee, sicut predicti reges antea fecerunt. Et nolo pati ut aliquis eas infringat si non vult perdere amicitiam meam. Deus vos custodiat.[2] S. Þurh godes geuu Ænglandes kining grete ealle mine biscopes and ealle mine eorles and ealle mine scirgerevan and ealle mine ðegenes Frencisce and Anglisce on þan sciran þe Ðeobald arcebiscop and se hired at Christescyrcen on Cantwarabirig habbað landes inne freondlice. And ic cyþe eow þæt ic habbe heom geunnan þæt hi bion alc þare lande wurþe þe hi hefdon on Eadwordes kinges dæge mines mæges

[1] *Lambeth MS.* infangenesthiofes
[2] *Lambeth MS ends here with* idem in Anglico super eandem cartam

and on Willelmes kinges dæge mines ealdefader and on Henries kinges dæge mines eames and saca and socne on strande and on streame on wudan and on feldan tolnes and teames griðbreces and hamsocne forestalles and infangenesþeofes and flæmenefermðe ofer heore ægene men bennien[1] burgan and buton swa full and swa forð swa mine ægne wicneres hit secan scoldan and ofer swa fela þegena swa ic heom to gelætan habbe and ic nelle þæt anig man anig þing þer on tyo buton hi and heore wicneres þe hi it betæcen willað ne Frencisce ne Ænglisce for þan þingan þe ic habbe Christe þas gerihte forgeuen minre sawle to æcere alysednesse eal swa Eadward kining and mine ealdefader and mæin eam ær hæfden, and ic nelle geþauian þæt ani man þis tobrece bi minan fullan freondscipe. God eow gehealde.

[1] *Cant.* binnan

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. III, m. 4; Canterbury D. and C., Chart. Ant. C. 1310 (single leaf of a cartulary); Lambeth Palace MS. 1212, p. 24.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iv. 345; *C.P.R. 1429–36*, p. 415.
Date: While Theobald was abp. The A S. text is found also in charters of Henry I and Henry II (*C.C.R.* iv. 345–7) and is derived from a partly genuine, but altered, writ of Edward the Confessor (Harmer, *Anglo-Saxon Writs*, no. 33).

145. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1139–54, at London)

The prior and convent to hold their land freely

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Willelmo de Ipra et Rad(ulpho) Picot et ministris suis de Chent, salutem. Precipio quod prior et conventus de Sancta Trinitate Cant(uariensi) teneant omnes res suas et homines suos et totam terram suam ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus et quietationibus suis cum quibus melius tenuerunt et habuerunt tempore Willelmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum Willelmi et Henrici regum Anglie, et sicut carte sue eis testantur. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de V(er), et Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter C. 12 (original, $5\frac{2}{5}'' \times 2\frac{1}{10}''$, written in the hand of scriptor xxi (T.A.M.B. no. 99); tongue torn, seal missing). Copies in Reg. A., ff. 91ᵛ and 157, Reg. B., f. 241, and Reg. E., f. 52; and P.R.O. Pat. R. 12 Hen. VI, pt. ii, m. 9.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1429–36*, p. 418.
Date: While Wm. of Ypres in England; possibly *c.* 1148 when Abp. Theobald was in exile.

146. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1135–54, at Canterbury)

The monks to hold their lands well and freely

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris suis in quorum bailliis monachi Sancte Trinitatis Cantuar(iensis) terras habent, salutem. Precipio quod monachi Sancte Trinitatis Cant(uariensis) teneant omnes terras et teneuras suas et homines suos ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut melius tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis avunculi mei et sicut carte sue testantur quas inde habent, ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia. T(este) Roberto de V(er). Apud Cant(uariam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter C. 13 (original, $6\frac{1}{10}'' \times 2\frac{7}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 100); tongue torn, seal missing). Copies in Reg. A., f. 91ᵛ, Reg. I., f. 73ᵛ; and P.R.O. Pat. R. 12 Hen. VI, pt. ii, m. 9.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1429–36*, p. 418.
Date: Probably late in the reign, as the narrowest possible dates of *scriptor* xxii are 1146–53. Like **145** this may well be *c.* 1148.

147. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1143–52, at London)

Notification that Matilda of Saint-Saëns has every right to hold the manor of Stisted (Essex) at farm from the monks

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris suis et fidelibus suis Essexe salutem. Sciatis quia testor quod Mathild(is) de Sancto Sidonio cognata mea debet tenere manerium de Stiesteda ad firmam de priori et monachis Christi ecclesie Cant(uariensis), reddend(o) in singulis annis x libras

donec vixerit, tali conditione quod post obitum ipsius Mathildis remaneat manerium predictum ecclesie Christi et priori et monachis predictis solutum et quietum, ita ne maritus suus vel heredes sui post illam quicquam possint in eodem manerio clamare. T(este) Rob(erto) de V(er). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter S. 312 (original, $6\frac{3}{10}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 138); tongue torn, seal missing). Copies in Reg. B., f. 160, Reg. E., f. 52, Reg A., f. 157.
Date: Apparently ordering the agreement to be made. The agreement was made (for the convent) by Prior Walter and must therefore be 1143–52. Matilda of St. Saëns was apparently the daughter of Elias of St. Saëns who had married a natural daughter of Robert Duke of Normandy (*Arch. Cant.* xxix. 12).

148. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1143–52, at Canterbury)

Confirmation of the agreement made with Matilda of Saint Saëns concerning Stisted (Ess.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Cantuariensi justic(ie) vicec(omiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Essexie salutem. Sciatis quia conventionem illam que inter priorem et conventum ecclesie Christi Cant(uariensis) et Mathild(em) de Sancto Sidonio per cyrographum facta est quando a monachis manerium suum de Stiesteda ad firmam suscepit confirmo. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod conditio illa qua suscepit manerium inviolata permaneat, videlicet ut ipsa quamdiu firmam x li(brarum) bene reddiderit predictum manerium de monachis teneat sine feodo et sine hereditate omni, ita ne heredes sui nec maritus vel aliquis qui sibi cognatione vel affinitate pertineat aliquid in manerio post obitum ipsius Mathild(is) clamare possit, sed solutum et quietum et absque omni calumpnia in dominio monachorum cum omni instauramento remaneat sicut unquam melius et liberius esse dinoscitur. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de V(er), et Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Cant(uariam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter S. 314 (original, $7\frac{1}{10}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 139), with tongue and seal both missing). Copies in Reg. B., f. 160^{v}, Reg. E., f. 52, and Reg. A., f. 157.
Date: Before the death of the queen (3 May 1152); see **149**. The chirograph is still in the cathedral archives (S. 313) and must be 1143 or later, since the prior was then Walter; much of it is here recited.

149. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1143–52)

The queen confirms **148**

Matilthis dei gratia regina Anglie episcopis comitibus proceribus vicecomitibus ceterisque suis fidelibus Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Notum volo haberi omnibus quod ego conventioni illi, que inter conventum ecclesie Christi Cant(uariensis) et Matild(em) de Sancto Sidonio facta est quando Stistede manerium ipsorum suscepit ad firmam, assensum perhibeo. Et sicut rex illam carta sua confirmat, ego quoque confirmo inviolatamque servari precipio. Teste . . . .

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter X. 10 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$, with torn tongue and no seal; not necessarily authentic). Copy in Reg. B., f. 160^{v}.

150. Canterbury, Cath. and See (soon after 19 Aug. 1146, at Canterbury)

Confirmation of the exchange of land in Mucheberdeston *for land in Deopham (Norf.)*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norf(olc) et de Sudf(olc) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Henricus de Ria fecit deo et monachis Sancte Trinitatis de Cantuar(ia), de terra Diepham in escambio terre Mucheberdestone quam Hubertus de Ria pater Henrici eis in morte sua dedit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi terram illam bene et in pace et honorifice teneant et habeant, sicut prefatus Henricus eam illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut melius et liberius

tenent alias elemosinas et teneuras suas. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis). Apud Cant(uariam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter D. 6 (original, $6\frac{4}{5}'' \times 5\frac{3}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 131), with tongue, tie, and seal all missing). Copies in Reg. A., f. 157, Reg. B., f. 213^{v}, Reg. E., f. 51^{v}, Reg. I., f. 74.

Printed: Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum* (1702), p. 40.

Date: See the long narrative in Reg. B., f. 213^{v} and printed in Saltman, *Theobald*, 537–8. Henry de Rye made the actual exchange with the monks at Canterbury on 19 Aug. 1146; the royal charter could be later.

151. Canterbury, Cath. and See (1139–54, at London)

Grant of Barksore (in Lower Halling)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi) et justic(iis) et comitibus et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Cantuaria et monachis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam terram de Berchesora cum illo redditu quem reddere solebat et cum omnibus consuetudinibus que illi pertinebant ad inveniendum lumen ante capsam Beati Anselmi archiepiscopi pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi terram illam cum redditu et consuetudinibus ejus et pertinentiis bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et possideant solutam et quietam omni seculari exactione et servitio, et sit inperpetuum quieta de Daneg(eldis) et omnibus aliis geldis et murdris et assisis et omnibus aliis secularibus exactionibus et consuetudinibus. T(estibus) Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Rad(ulpho) Picot, et Geru(asio) de Cornhell. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Canterbury D. and C., *Charter B. 335 (original, $7'' \times 6\frac{3}{5}''$, apparently in the hand of *scriptor* xxii with good impression of (most of) Stephen's second seal in red wax on a tongue). Copies in Regs. E., f. 51^{v} and I., f. 73^{v}.

Printed: W. G. Urry in *Spicilegium Beccense*, i (1959), 586.

Date: Second seal.

152. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–9, at Guildford)

The abbot has proved in court his claim to lands at Ripple and (West) Langdon, Kent

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quoniam Hugo de Fluri abbas Sancti Augustini Cantuarie dirationavit in curia regis Henrici avunculi mei terras suas de Rippla et de Langedona cum omnibus illis pertinentibus contra Manasserium Arsic. Et ideo volo et concedo et firmiter precipio quod amodo remaneant inperpetuum in dominio ecclesie ita bene et honorifice et quiete sicut ecclesia predicta melius et honorabilius et quietius tenet suas alias dominicas terras et sicut carta regis Henrici avunculi mei testatur. Hoc dirationamentum factum fuit apud Lundon(iam) in rogationibus anno quo rex Henricus avunculus meus dedit filiam suam imperatori in uxorem. T(estibus) Ep(iscopo) de S(anc)to David, et Ep(iscop)o Cycestr(ensi), et R(oberto) de Ver, et Al(berico) de Ver, et R(oberto) filio Walteri. Apud Gildeford.

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Claudius D. x, f. 283, and Julius D. ii, f. 98^{v}; Cambridge, Trinity Hall MS. 1, f. 75.

Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.* (R.S.), p. 382. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 944 (*Historia*, p. 362) part of whose text is here followed.

Date: This charter is specifically mentioned in the confirmation by Pope Innocent II, dated 17 April 1139 (*Hist.*, p. 371).

153. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–9, at Guildford)

Confirming the abbey to Abbot Hugh

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem.

Sciatis me concessisse Hugoni abbati Sancti Augustini Cantuar(iensis) abbatiam Sancti Augustini Cantuar(iensis) quam rex Henricus avunculus meus ei dedit per cartam suam cum terris et hominibus et omnibus rebus abbatie pertinentibus. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod ita bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete teneat infra burgum et extra in aqua et extra in bosco et plano in via et semitis et omnibus aliis locis cum socha et sacha et tol et theam et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et quietationibus suis cum quibus aliquis antecessor suus unquam melius et honorificentius et quietius tenuit et sicut carta regis Henrici avunculi mei testatur quam ego hac mea carta bene confirmo. Test(ibus) Ep(iscop)o de S(anc)to David, et Ep(iscop)o Cicestr(ensi), et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) filio Walteri. Apud Geldeford.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. x, f. 58. The text follows Henry I's charter (*Regesta*, ii. 1483, *Hist.*, p. 363) closely.

Date: presumably the same as for **152–6**, if genuine.

154. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–9, at Guildford)

Confirmation of sac and soc etc. of all their men

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis in quarum bailia et potestate abbas Sancti Augustini Cantuar(iensis) terras habet salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et Sancto Augustino et abbati et fratribus abbatie ut habeant sacham suam et socham et pacis fracturam et pugnam in domo factam et vie assultus et latrones in terra sua captos, latronumque susceptionem, vel pastionem super illorum proprios homines infra civitatem et extra, theloneumque suum in terra et in aqua atque consuetudinem que dicitur theames et super omnes allodiarios quos dedit eis rex Henricus. Nec volo consentire quod aliquis in aliqua re de hiis se intromittat nisi eorum prepositi quibus ipsi hec comendaverint, quia habeo has consuetudines datas et concessas deo et Sancto Augustino pro redemptione anime mee sicut Willelmus rex avus meus et Willelmus et Henricus reges avunculi mei ante me dederunt et concesserunt. Et nolo consentire quod aliquis hec infringat. Test(ibus) Ep(iscop)o de Sancto David, et Ep(iscopo) Cicestr(ensi), et Rob(erto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et Rob(erto) fil(io) Walteri. Apud Geldeford.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. x, f. 58, and Add. MS. 29437, f. 91v; Cambridge, Trinity Hall MS. 1, f. 71.

Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.* (R.S.), p. 368. The text follows that of one of Henry I's charters (*Regesta*, ii. 817, and *Hist.*, p. 361) closely. If genuine, date as for **152**.

155. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–9, at Guildford)

Confirmation of Stonor (in Sandwich, Kent)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quoniam volo et precipio quod nullus modo aliquid reclamet in Estanores, sed abbas Sancti Augustini et fratres loci ejusdem libere et quiete terram illam et totum litus usque in medietatem aque habeant sine calumpnia aliqua, quoniam ita dirationatum est inter homines Lundonie et homines abbatis Widonis in tempore regis Willelmi avunculi mei coram justicia sua apud Estanores. Et sicut testatur carta ejusdem Willelmi regis avunculi mei quam rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit et ego carta mea bene confirmo. T(estibus) Ep(iscop)o de S(anc)to David, et Ep(iscop)o Cicestr(ensi), et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) fil(io) Walteri. Apud Geldeford.[1]

[1] *C.* Gildeford

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MSS. *Julius D. ii, f. 94, and Claudius D. x, f. 197; P.R.O. Exch. K. R. Misc. Bk. 27, f. 149; Cambridge, Trinity Hall MS. 1, f. 75v.

Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 385. See *Regesta*, i. 371 and ii. 1644; the text of the latter is here followed fairly closely.

Date: Aubrey de Vere senior died 1140; and Aubrey de Vere junior went over to the empress in 1141—and styled himself earl before then. The charter confirmed in bull of Lucius II, 22 April 1144 (*Hist.*, p. 388). Same occasion as **152**.

156. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey [1136–9, at Guildford)

Confirmation of churches, tithes, etc. at Milton and Faversham (Kent)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia ego concedo et confirmo donum quod dedit Willelmus rex avus meus ecclesie Sancti Augustini, scilicet ecclesias et decimas duarum villarum mearum, hoc est Middeltone et Faversham, cum omnibus redditibus qui mihi redduntur ex his mansionibus et cum omnibus ibidem appendentibus in terra et silva et pratis et aqua excepta decima mellis et gabli denariorum. Hec omnia concedo deo et Sancto Augustino et abbati et fratribus ipsius loci, ut habeant et teneant et possideant ita libere et quiete sicut dedit et concessit eis avus meus rex Willelmus et sicut testatur carta sua, quam rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit, et ego carta mea bene confirmo. T(estibus) episcopo de Sancto David, et episcopo Cicestrensi, et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) filio Walteri. Apud Gildeford.

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Claudius D. x, f. 257; Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75v.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 384.
The grants referred to are *Regesta*, i. 35 and 39 (William I) and ii. 1643 (Henry I). The wording of this present charter has been taken from that of Henry I (*Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 364). Allegedly same occasion as **152–5**.

157. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1135–52, possibly 1151, at Rochester)

The queen gives an acre in Faversham to Helmid the nun with reversion to St. Mary's church

Matilda Anglorum regina vicecomiti de Kent et omnibus ministris et hominibus suis de Fav(er)sham Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Helmide sanctimoniali unam acram terre ad faciendum domum suam in eleemosinam apud Fav(er)sham juxta coemeterium, inter ecclesiam Sancte Marie et capellam Sancti Gregorii, ut habeat illam quietam in vita sua. Post mortem vero ejus, volo et concedo ut ecclesia Sancte Marie de Faversham pro salute domini mei regis Stephani et mea et filiorum nostrorum et statu regni nostri et pro animabus predecessorum et successorum nostrorum habeat prefatam acram terre in perpetuam et liberam eleemosynam. Testant(e) Radulpho cancellar(io). Apud Rovcestr(iam).

MSS.: Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75v; B.M. Cotton MSS. Julius D. ii, f. 97, and Claudius D. x, f. 258v.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 384.

158. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–52, at Canterbury)

The Church of St. Mary of Faversham to hold the land the queen gave it

Stephanus rex Anglorum vicecom(iti) de Kent et ministris de Fav(er)sham salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie de Faversham teneat ita bene et in pace et quiete terram suam quam Matild(a) regina ei dedit, inter ipsam ecclesiam et ecclesiam Sancti Gregorii, sicut ipsa regina eam illi dedit et sicut carta sua testatur. Testant(ibus) Rob(er)to de Veer, et Rogero de Fraxin(et)o. Apud Cantuar(iam).

MS.: Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75v.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 384.
Date: The cartulary's chronological table gives 1151, which is not impossible (p. 35).

159. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1135–9, at Westminster)

The Archdeacon of Canterbury to give the abbey justice re Newington church

Stephanus rex Anglorum archidiacono Cantuarie salutem. Precipio tibi quod sine dilatione et escampa[1] teneas plenum rectum abbati Sancti Augustini et monachis de ecclesia de Newentone, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam. Teste Roberto filio Walteri. Apud Westmonasterium.

Omitted in Cambridge MS. (blank)

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. x, f. 247; Cambridge, Trinity Hall MS. 1, f. 75.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 381; Bigelow, 146.
The loss of Newington (but not this charter) is cited by Innocent II in a bull dated 20 Nov. when Henry bishop of Winchester was legate (i.e. 20 Nov. 1139–20 Nov. 1142) (*Hist.*, p. 379).

160. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (probably 1135–40, at Oxford)

Permission to crenellate the wall of the abbey

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(ie) et baronibus de Chent salutem. Concedo quod abbas Sancti Augustini faciat chernellos super murum ecclesie sue, ita tamen quod murum illum non elevet plus quam modo est, preter solos chernellos. Teste ep(iscop)o S(an)c(ti) David. Apud Oxon(iam), per W. . . . Oxon.

MS.: Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 71.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 367.
In the cartulary's chronological table (p. 33) this is dated 1137. Neither Bernard (d. 1148) nor David bishop of St. David's witnessed for Stephen after 1140. The contents and the form of the witness list, however, suggest a forgery of much later date.

161. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1135–54, at Canterbury)

The monks to have the haw which Gosceold gave them

Stephanus rex Anglorum vicecomit[i] et justiciari[o] de Kent salutem. Precipio quod faciatis habere ecclesie Sancti Augustini et monachis hagam suam quam Gosceoldus eis dedit, ita bene et in pace et juste et quiete et libere sic[ut] eam eis dedit in morte sua coram legalibus testibus. Et videte ne inde clamorem audiam pro recti vel justitie penuria, quia nolo quod ecclesia illa quicquid perdat de jure suo. Teste R. . . . cancellario. Apud Cantuariam.

MS.: Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75.
Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 382; Bigelow, 148.
Date: In the cartulary's chronological table (p. 34) this is dated 1143—for whatever that may be worth.

162. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1136–45, at Canterbury)

Grant of a fair, on 26 June–1 July annually

Steph(anus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciariis comitibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse abbati et monachis Sancti Augustini Cantuarie quod ipsi habeant feriam apud Cantuariam ad festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, quod est tertio Kal. Julii, et incipiat tertia die ante festum et duret per sex dies. Et precipio quod omnes ad eam venientes et in ea morantes et ab ea redeuntes habeant meam firmam pacem, ita quod nemo eis injuriam vel contumeliam faciat super x libras forisfacture, nec in civitate vel extra aliquis theloneum per hos dies capiat nisi monachi et servientes eorum. Testibus Matilda regina, et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Adam de Belnaco, et Eustach(io) de Fienn(es), et Huberto camerar(io). Apud Cantuar(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, m. 29–23; Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 404; *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 383.
Date: Before the revolt of Turgis d'Avranches.

163. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (Dec. 1142–April 1146, at Oxford)

Grant of the mill near the East Bridge of Canterbury in repayment of a loan of 100 marks

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciar(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia pro salute anime mee et Matilde regine uxoris mee et Eustacii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et predecessorum meorum regum Anglie, dedi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancti Augustini et altari [et abbati et conventui ejusdem ecclesie] molendinum quod habui infra civitatem Cantuarie juxta

Estbriggam et totum cursum aque illius molendini in restauratione vadimonii centum marcarum quod ego pro necessitate mea ab eadem ecclesia cepi, presentibus baronibus meis scilicet Willelmo de Ipra et comite Gisl(eberto) et Rad(ulpho) de Haia et aliis multis. [Et prohibeo ne aliquis prohibeat quin homines civitatis Cantuarie et provincie eant et veniant ad molendinum prefatum cum blado suo ad molandum ita bene et plenarie sicut melius et plenius fecerunt tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei, et meo tempore postea dum molendinum prefatum in mea manu fuit.] Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia Sancti Augustini [et altare et abbas et conventus ejusdem ecclesie[1]] teneant et habeant predictum molendinum cum omnibus [libertatibus et consuetudinibus] eidem pertinentibus ad servitium altaris illius ecclesie ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut ego vel aliquis rex predecessor meus melius et liberius et quietius tenuit. Test(ibus) Will(el)mo de Ipra, Will(el)mo Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Lucy, et Rad(ulpho) Picot, et Will(el)mo de Aisneford.[2] Apud Oxeneford.

[1] *C, f. 71* et monachi ibidem deo servientes [2] *C, f. 71* Ainesford

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, m. 29, Exch. K. R. Misc. Bk. 27, f. 87v (cartulary); B.M. Cotton MS. Vitellius A. ii, f. 17v; Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 71 and *f. 73v.

Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 402; *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, pp. 367 and 377; W. Somner, *Antiq. of Canterbury* (2nd ed.) pt. i, App. p. 5.

There are two versions, a long and a short, the short one (Cambridge, Trinity Hall MS. 1, f. 71) omitting all the passages in square brackets. I suspect that the longer version is a conflation with no. **164.** The Cambridge MS. has both versions.

Date: After the battle of Lincoln and while Stephen held Oxford. The grant was one of those confirmed by Eugenius III in a bull dated 16 April 1146 (*Hist.*, p. 395). East Bridge is now called King's Bridge. It is Thorne (trans. Davis, p. 81) who places the grant after the battle of Lincoln.

164. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (Dec. 1142–54, at Canterbury)

No one to prevent the men of Canterbury and Kent from coming to the abbey's mill

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum vicec(omiti) et prepositis et burgensibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Cantuar(ie) salutem. Prohibeo ne aliquis prohibeat quin homines civitatis Cantuar(ie) et provincie eant et veniant ad molendinum quod concessi et dedi deo et ecclesie Sancti Augustini infra civitatem Cant(uarie) cum blado suo ad molandum ita bene et plenarie sicut melius et plenius solebant facere tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei et meo tempore postea dum molendinum predictum in mea manu fuit. Teste Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Cantuar(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75v.

Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 402; *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 383; Bigelow, 159.

Date. After no. **163.** In the chronological table the *Historia* (p. 34) puts this at 1148, which is possible, though the author was clearly guessing and was certainly wrong when he put the grant of the mill (**163**) at 1136.

165. Canterbury, St. Augustine's Abbey (1142–54, but probably late in the reign, at Canterbury)

The monks may rebuild their mill where it was destroyed

Stephanus rex Anglorum Will(elmo) de Ipra et ministris et burgensibus Cantuar(ie) salutem. Precipio quod monachi Sancti Augustini restituant molendinum suum infra Cantuariam in eodem situ quo erat quando destructum fuit, ne super hoc aliquis eos inde disturbet. Teste Warner(o) de Lusor(is). Apud Cantuar(iam).

MS.: Cambridge, Trinity Hall *MS. 1, f. 75.

Printed: *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 381; Bigelow, 146.

166. Chamberlain, William the (1135–7, at Westminster)

Grant of his wife's inheritance as granted by Geoffrey bishop of Durham

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Dunelm(ensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de episcopatu Dunelm(ensi) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Will(elm)o Cam(erar)io in feodum et hereditatem terram de Chillau et Plauswrda et Burdon(a) et

terram et domum in Dunelm(o) de hereditate uxoris sue, sicut G(alfridus) episcopus Dunelm(ensis) ea ei dedit et concessit pro servitio suo cum uxore sua et per cartam suam concessit et sicut carta Sancti Cudb(er)ti testatur et corroborat donum episcopi. Et volo et precipio quod libere et in pace teneat in bosco et plano in burgo et extra in pratis et pasturis in via et semitis in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et tol et team et infang(entheof) et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et liertatibus suis sicut carte sue testantur. T(estibus) R(ogero) canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et R(oberto) de Ver, et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Newcastle upon Tyne, Public Library, *Greenwell Deeds, D. 3 (original, $6\frac{1}{8}'' \times 3\frac{1}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 568) with tongue but no seal).
Printed (in translation): *Calendar of Greenwell Deeds* (1927), no. 2.
Date: While Roger was chancellor. If Robert fitz Richard is the Clare of that name, he died in 1137.

167. Chartres Cath. (1150–1, at Rouen)

Duke Henry announces that he has reseised the canons of the church and tithes of Hauville (Eure)

H(enricus) dux Normannorum G(alerano) comiti Mellendi et W(illelmo) de Hangemara et Roberto de Havilla et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me resaisisse canonicos Sancte Marie Carnotensis ecclesie de decima et de ecclesia de Havilla. Ideoque mando et firmiter precipio quod ecclesiam et decimam teneant in bono et in pace juste et integre salvis rectis suis omnibus illis hominibus, ubi ea sibi fieri debent, que in predicta ecclesia aut decima aliquid clamaverint rationabiliter. Testibus Alexandro de Bohun, Willelmo Trosebot, Stephano de Bellocampo. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 5185, i, p. 328.
Printed: *Haskins, 162, n. 28.
Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy and before he became Count of Anjou.

168. Cherbourg, Abbey of St. Mary 'de Voto' (1148–51, at Le Pré)

The canons to be seised of their land in Beaumont-Hague (Manche)

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia Os(berto) de Hosa const(abulario) Ces(aris) Burgi salutem. Precipio quod sine dilatione saisias abbatem Ces(aris) Burgi et incanonicos [ibidem][1] deo servientes de terra elemosine de Bellimonte sicut eam [disrationaver][1]u(n)t ep(is)c(opus) Saresb(eriensis), Thoma capellanus com(itis) And(egavorum), et Hugo .....[1] [c]apellanus. T(este) Clar(embaldo) cleric[o].[2] Apud P(ra)tu(m).

[1] *gap caused by tear in MS. at bottom left corner* [2] *MS.* cleric(us)

MS.: Archives de la Manche, original, destroyed in 1944 but reproduced in facs. in Delisle, *Atlas*, pl. i, with tongue but no seal, the address *Os(berto) d(e) Hosa* being written on the end of the tongue.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introd.* 143; *Bibl. École des Chartes*, 1907, p. 313 and fig. 3 (facs.).
Date: Thomas would not have been called chaplain *of the Count of Anjou* after Geoffrey's death (7 Sept. 1151). It must be after the return of the empress from England in Feb. 1148.

169. Chertsey Abbey (*c.* 1149, at London)

Granting the abbey to Hugh the king's nephew

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Hugoni abbati nepoti meo abbatiam Certeseye tenendam et regendam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem abbas Hugo eam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat in bosco in plano in aquis in viis in semitis in pratis et pascuis in molendinis et piscariis et stagnis et in omnibus rebus et locis cum soca et saca et tol et tem et infangenethef et grithbruche et forestal et hamsocna et flemenesfremthe in burgo et extra burgo in festo et sine festo et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus aliquis antecessorum suorum abbatiam Certeseye melius et liberius tenuerunt tempore regis Edwardi et tempore aliorum antecessorum meorum regum Anglie.

T(estibus) Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuar(iensi), H(enrico) episcopo Winton(iensi), et Hyllar(io) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), et Will(elmo) comite Arund(el), et G(ilberto) de Clare, et Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud London(ias).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius A. xiii, f. 57.
Date: Hugh was transferred from St. Benet's Holme to Chertsey in 1149 (*Chertsey Abbey Cartularies*, ii, p. x (Surrey Rec. Soc., 1958)).

170. Chertsey Abbey (1149–52, at Windsor)

Abbot Hugh's possessions to be free of tolls

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) omnibus baronibus vicecomitibus et ministris suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res Hugonis abbatis nepotis mei et monachorum de Certesya, quas homines sui poterint affidare suas esse proprias, sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine. Et nullus super hoc disturbet eos vel res suas injuste super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) R . . . London(iensi) episcopo, et I(lario) Cicestr(ensi) episcopo, et W(illelmo) comite de Arund(el), et G(ilberto) comite de Clare. Apud Windleshore.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius A. xiii, f. 57v.
Date: While Hugh was abbot and before death of Gilbert Earl of Hertford (24 Nov. 1152).

171. Chertsey Abbey (1149–54)

The manors of Chertsey, Egham, Thorpe, and Chobham (Surrey) to remain quit of geld etc.

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus ministris suis de Surreya salutem. Precipio quod Hugo abbas Certeseye nepos meus inperpetuum habeat ista quatuor maneria scilicet Certeseyam, Eggeham, Thorpe, et Challeham quieta ab omni geldo et de omnibus consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent, sicut fuerunt tempore regis Edwardi et tempore avi mei et avunculorum meorum, libere, quiete, et bene, et sicut antecessores sui melius liberius et quietius tenuerunt, et sicut rex Henricus avunculus meus per cartam suam precepit. T(estibus) R . . . episcopo London(iensi), et I(lario) Cicest(rensi) episcopo, et [N.][2] episcopo Eliens(i).

[1] *MS.* Anglie [2] *MS.* H

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius A. xiii, f. 55v–f. 57 (f. 56 having been misplaced by a modern binder).
Date: While Hugh was abbot.

172. Chertsey Abbey (1135–54, at London)

Grant of a market on Tuesdays at Cobham (Surrey)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] justic(ie) vicecom(iti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Surreya salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati Certeseye et monachis suis quod habeant mercatum in villa sua de Coveham singulis diebus martis per annum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice illud mercatum habeant in perpetuum, et omnes illuc euntes et inde redeuntes vel ibidem moram facientes meam firmam pacem habeant cum omnibus rebus et mercat(i)onibus suis, ne super hoc eis aliquis forisfaciat super forisfacturam meam. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de Ver, et Ricard(o) de Bada. Apud Londonias.

[1] *MS.* Anglie

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius A. xiii, f. 57.
Printed: *Monast.* i. 432.

173. Chertsey Abbey (1136–54, at Oxford)

The abbot to have warren in all his land in Surrey

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecom(iti) et ministris suis de Surreya salutem Concedo abbati de Certeseya quod habeat warennam in tota terra sua de Surreya, et super

hoc nullus in ea fuge[t] nisi per ipsum super x libras forisfacture. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Fisc(anno). Apud Oxeneford.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius A. xiii, f. 58.
Date: If Richard is a mistake for Roger de Fécamp the date would be before 1141.

174. Chesney, John de (1135–46)

Grant of the manor of Blythburgh (Suff.) to John fitz Robert (Chesney)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] archiepiscopis episcopis etc. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Joh(ann)i filio Rob(erti) hereditar(ie) manerium meum de Blyb(urc) cum omnibus que ad illud manerium pertinent sine hundredo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Joh(anne)s filius Rob(er)ti et heredes sui teneant et habeant predictum manerium de me et heredibus meis in pace h(ereditarie) et quiete in bosco in plano in pratis et pasturis[2], aquis et mariscis, in molendinis et stangnis, in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus cum soca et saca tol et them et infangethef et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis libertatibus et quietationibus que ad hoc pertinent cum quibus illas habui dum fuerunt in manu mea.

[1] *MS.* Anglie [2] *MS.* pasturis et pasturis

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40725, f. 9v.
Date: John Chesney d. between March 1146 and March 1147 (A. Jessopp and M. R. James, *St. William of Norwich* (Cambridge, 1896), 111.
Note: Blythburgh is in Blything hundred.

175. Chesney, John de (1135–46)

Grant, in addition to Blythburgh, of the king's fold for 1000 sheep between Norwich and Yarmouth, to John fitz Robert (Chesney)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Joh(ann)i filio Rob(er)ti hereditarie manerium meum de Blyb(urc) cum omnibus que ad manerium illud pertinent sine hundredo. Et preter hoc do ei et concedo bercariam meam de mille ovibus quam habui in meo dominio inter Norwic(um) et Iernemutha(m) cum dominico marisco meo quod pertinet ad bercariam meam supranominatam de mille ovibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Joh(anne)s filius Rob(er)ti et heredes sui teneant et habeant hec predicta de me et heredibus meis in pace, libere et quiete, in bosco et plano in pratis pasturis et pasturis (*sic*) aquis et mariscis in molendinis et stangnis in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus cum soca et saca tol et them et infangthef et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et quietationibus que ad hec predicta pertinent, cum quibus illas habui dum fuerunt in manu mea.

[1] *MS.* Anglie

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 40725, f. 9v.
Date: John Chesney d. *c.* 1146.
Note: **176** shows the Chesneys had Acle, and **177** Kirby Bedon. Both places are between Norwich and Yarmouth.

176. Chesney, William de (1139–54, at Westminster)

Grant of Acle (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwicensi justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolc salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto) et heredibus suis manerium de Acchelai cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse et heredes sui post eum manerium teneant predictum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis cum soca et saca et tol et team et infangeneth(ef) et cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus que ad manerium illud pertinent cum quibus erat

in manu mea. T(estibus) W(illelmo) com(ite) Warenn(e), et Will(elm)o de Ip(ra). Apud Westmonasterium.

MSS.: Belvoir Castle Muniments, *Acle no. 669 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{2}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 35) with tongue and wrapper but no seal). Copy in Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 130, f. 10^{v} (incomplete).

Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 79.

Date. Wm. of Ypres attested in England from 1139.

177. Chesney, William de (1149–53, and probably after Dec. 1153, at Eye)

Various grants in exchange for Mileham unless William can recover it

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et et (*sic*) abbatibus et comitibus et baronibus et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministr(is) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norf(olcha) et de Sudfolc(ha) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in feodo et hereditate Will(elm)o de Caisn(eto) Heingeha(m) et hundr(edum) et dim(idium) cum omnibus appendic(iis), et Stou cum omnibus pertinentiis et Chirchebi cum appendiciis et Racheheda(m) et Reneha(m) cum appendic(iis) et hundr(edum) de Taverha(m) in escambio de Moleha(m), tali conditione quod si Will(el)m(u)s *de Caisneio*[1] [per] se vel per filium poterit recuperare Moleha(m) aliquo modo, ego [vel] filius meus rehabebimus hec predicta in dominio nostro sicut antea habuimus, et Willelmus terram suam et castellum suum. T(estibus) W(illelmo) ep(iscop)o Norw(icensi), et Daniel(e) abb(at)e de Hulm(o), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Reinald(o) de Warenn(a), et Rob(erto) filio Umfr(idi), et Rob(erto) de Vald(er)i, et Sim(one) de Cailli, et Egelin(o) de Farnis. Ap(u)d Eia(m).

[1] *MS. damaged; reading from Madox.*

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 327/254 (original, $6'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 508), with tongue but no seal; text damaged by holes in two places).

Printed: Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum*, 154.

Date: William was cons. bp. Norwich in 1146, so this charter must date from Daniel's second abbacy (*c.* 1149–53). Round showed (*Genealogist*, xviii (1901) 1–16) that Mileham was subsequently held by the Fitz Alans who were related to the Chesneys, and he suggested that as the Fitz Alans were pro-Angevin, Stephen had probably taken Mileham from them and given it to the Chesneys who were his loyal supporters and who were certainly in possession of Mileham in 1146 (Jessopp and James, *St. William of Norwich*, 112). In this case the charter should be dated after the Treaty of Westminster (Dec. 1153) when Stephen would have had to reinstate the Fitz Alans and compensate the Chesneys.

178. Chester, Earl of (1146)

Abstract (made in 1325) of a concord between the king and the earl

Concordia inter regem Stephanum et Rannulfum comitem Cestr(ie) [*marg.*]

Carta Stephani regis Anglie per quam dedit et concessit Rann(ulfo) comiti Cestr(ie) castellum Lincoln(ie) et civitatem donec idem rex fecerit ei terram suam Norm(annie) et omnia castella sua habere. Quo facto idem rex concessit firmare unam de turribus suis de castro Lincoln(ie) de qua comes habebit dominium donec idem rex liberet ei castrum de Tichehilla, et tunc remanebit eidem regi turris et civitas Lincoln(ie), et dicto comiti remanebit turris sua quam mater sua firmavit cum constabulatione castelli Lincoln(ie) et Lincolneshir(e) hereditario jure. Et preter hoc idem rex dedit comiti predicto castrum de Belvedeire cum omni honore eidem pertinente et totam terram Willelmi de Albin(i) de quocunque eam tenuit, et Graham cum soka; et si contingeret quod heredes de Graham cum rege concordiam fecissent, tamen remaneat comiti Rann(ulfo) honor predictus hereditarie, et idem rex dabit eis escambium suum. Dedit etiam idem rex hereditarie predicto comiti Novum Castellum de Staffordshira cum omnibus eidem pertinentibus, et Roeleiam cum soka, et Torcheseia cum pertinentibus, et villam de Derby cum pertinentibus, et Mammesfeld cum pertinentibus, et Stanlegam cum pertinentibus, et Oswarbec wapentache cum pertinentibus, et totam terram Rog(er)i de Bully cum toto honore de Blida sicut divisum est, et totam terram Rogeri Pictavis a Northampton(a) usque in Scotiam excepta terra Rog(er)i de Monte Begonis in Lincolnshire. Dedit etiam idem rex eidem comiti hereditar(ie) honorem de

Lancastre cum pertinentibus suis et totam terram de Inter Ribliam et Mersam, et terram quam habuit in dominio in manerio de Grymesby, et terram quam comes Gloec(estrie) habuit in dominio in manerio de Grymesby cum pertinentibus. Et preterea pro amore dict(i) comit(is) Rannulf(i) idem rex reddidit Adelid(i) de Condia totam terram suam sicut illa finiit, scilicet Horncastriam[1] quando castrum illum (*sic*) prostratum fuit. Et idem rex reddidit ei totam aliam terram suam.

[1] *Foster emends to* Tornegat

MS.: P.R.O. *DL 41/1/36, m. 7.
Printed: Dugdale, *Baronage* i. 39; *Reg. Antiq.* i. 287; Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, 367–8.
Date: The two possibilities are Dec. 1140 or early 1146 (*E.H.R.* lxxv (1960), 654–60). Though we, like A. L. Poole, have previously preferred the earlier alternative, we now think 1146 the more likely, since this would explain the reference to Ranulf's Norman lands, which the Angevins seized (see 58) as soon as Ranulf made peace with Stephen. Of the English lands Tickhill had been held by the crown since 1102 until Stephen gave it to John Count of Eu (grandson of Beatrix de Busli) who lost it in or after 1141. Belvoir was part of the inheritance of William d'Albini *Brito*. The soke of Greetham (Lincs.) was held by Earl Hugh de Chester in 1086, though Grantham belonged to the King. The honor of Lancaster or land of Roger de Poitou had been given to Stephen by Henry 1; West Derby (Lancs.) was part of it, and Roger de Montbegon was a prominent sub-tenant. All the other lands were royal demesne.

179. Chester, Earl of (1146, at St. Albans)

Grant of the land of Ernisius de Burun

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi comiti Rann(ulfo) Cestr(ie) totam terram que fuit Ernisii de Buru(n) ubicumque sit excepta terra quam dedi comiti Alano de eodem feodo in Eborac(i)schira. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere teneat et honorifice cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus et quietationibus cum quibus Ernisi(us) de Buru(n) vel aliquis ante eum melius et liberius tenuit. T(estibus) R(oberto) de V(er), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et Ric(ardo) filio Ursi. Apud S(an)c(tu)m Albanu(m).

MS.: P.R.O.* DL 10/9 (original, $5\frac{9}{10}'' \times 2\frac{1}{5}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 414); tongue and seal missing).
Printed: *E.Y.C.* x. 32 and pl. i (facs.)
Date: While Earl Ranulf was supporting Stephen. As Ernisius's lands are not mentioned in **178** but are in **180**, this charter seems to come between them. Ernisius's lands (*D.B.* i. 328^{v} and 362) had passed by 1115/18 to Geoffrey fitz Payn, one of Henry I's 'new men' who seems to have d. *c.* 1135; some services due to him were given (1136–40) to the Bishop of Lincoln.

180. Chester, Earl of (Jan.–Apr. 1153, at Devizes)

Duke Henry's grants and confirmations

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Ranulfo comiti Cestrie omnem hereditatem suam Normannie et Anglie sicut unquam aliquis antecessorum suorum eam melius et liberius tenuit, et nominatim castellum de Vira et Barbifluvium cum tali libertate quod per totam banleugam possit capere forisfactum suum, et Brullium de fossis et Alebec̃ et hoc unde erat vicecomes [de] Abrincis, et in Sancto Jacobo de hoc feci eum comitem, et quicquid habui in Albrinchein ei dedi preter episcopatum et abbatiam de Monte [Sancti Mich]aelis et quod eis pertinet. Insuper dedi et concessi ei totum honorem comitis Rogeri Pictaviensis ubicumque aliquid habetur, [et totum honorem] de Blie ubicumque sit in Anglia, et totum honorem de Eia sicut Robertus Malet avunculus matris sue illum melius et plenius unquam tenuit. Insuper dedi ei Staford(iam) et Stafordiesir(am) et comitatum Stafordie totum quicquid ibi habui in foeudo et hereditate, excepto foeudo episcopi Cest(rie) et comitis Rob(erti) de Ferr(ariis) et Hug(onis) de Mortuomar(e) et Gervasii Pag(anel), et excepto foresto de Can(n)oc quod in manu mea retineo. Et foeudum Alani de Lincol(nia) ei dedi qui fuit avunculus matris sue, et foeudum Ernisii de Buru(n) sicut suam hereditatem, et foeudum

Hugonis de Scoteineio ei dedi ubicunque sit, et foeudum Roberti de Chalz ubicunque sit, et totum foeudum Rad(ulfi) filii Odonis, et totum foeudum Norm(anni) de Verd(un) et foeudum Roberti de Staf(fordia) ubicunque sit, et triginta libratas terre quas habui in Grimesbeia ei dedi. Et Notingeha(m) castell(um) et burg(um) et quicquid habui in Notingeha(m) in foeudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis dedi, et totum foeudum Willelmi Peverelli ubicunque sit nisi poterit se dirationare in mea curia de scelere et traditione, excepto Hecham. Et si Engelramus de Albamarl(a) non voluerit se capere mecum, neque comes Simo(n), et illud vi capere potero, predictam Hecham reddo comiti Ronnulf(o) si eam habere voluerit. Et Torcheseiam et Oswardebec wapentac et Derbeia(m) cum omnibus pertinentiis, et Mammesfeld cum socha, et Roelis cum socha, et Stanleia(m) juxta Coventreia(m) cum socha. Et de Belvario tenebo ei rectum quam citius potero sicut de sua hereditate. Et sex baronibus suis quos elegerit cuicumque centum libratas terre dabo de his que mihi ex hostibus meis adquisita acciderint, de me tenendas. Et omnibus parentibus suis suam reddo hereditatem unde potens sum, et de hoc unde ad presens potens non sum [rectum] plenarium tenebo ex quo potens ero. T(estibus) Willelmo cancellario, R(eginaldo) comite Cornub(ie), R(ogero) comite Herf(ordie), Patricio comite [Salisberie, U]mfrido de Buh(un) dapifero, J(ohanne) filio Gileb(erti), R(icardo) de Hum(meto) constabul(ari)o, Guarino filio Ger(oldi), Roberto de Curcer dap(ifero), Ma[nassero Biset] dapifero, Philippo de Colu(m)b(eriis). Ex parte comitis Ran(nulfi), Will(elmu)s com(es) Lincol(nie), Hug(one) Wac(e), G(ossumo) castell(ano) de Fines, Simone filio Willelmi, Torst(ino) de Mo(n)tef(ichet), Gaufrido de Costentino, Willelmo de Verd(un), Ricardo pincerna, Rogero Wac(e), Simone filio Osberti. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Ch. xvii. 2 (original, $7\frac{3}{4}'' \times 9\frac{2}{5}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xxiii (T.A.M.B., S. 29); with fold and tag but no seal). Some words now illegible and supplied (in square brackets) from *Foedera*. Transcripts in Lansdowne MS. 208, f. 313; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 11, f. 59; P.R.O. DL., Gt. Coucher ii, no. vii, f. 498.

Printed: Vincent, *Discovery of Brook's Errours* (1622), 662; Dugdale, *Baronage* (analysed) i. 39; *Foedera* (1704), i. 12; Ormerod, *Cheshire*, i. 23; Eyton in *Wm. Salt Soc.* i (1881), 220–33; *Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls* (1902), 370; *Complete Peerage*, iv. 764.

Date: Duke Henry not yet Duke of Aquitaine but in England.

181. Chichester, Burgesses of (1135–54, at Reading)

The burgesses to have the customs of their borough and gild merchant

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Cicestr(ensi) et prepositis salutem. Precipio quod burgenses mei de Cicestr(ia) ita bene et honorifice et quiete habeant eorum consuetudines et rectitudines de burgo et de gelda eorum mercatoria sicut eas justius et honorabilius et quietius habuerunt tempore Willelmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum postea et tempore Rogeri comitis. Et defendo super meam forisfacturam ne aliquis eis injuriam faciat. Teste Episcopo Wint(oniensi). Apud Rading(as).

MS.: Chichester, City Archives, *A/1 (original, $7'' \times 2\frac{3}{5}''$, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 145), with a tongue and tag but no seal).

Printed: *V.C.H. Sussex*, iii. 90 (facs.); F. W. Steer, *Chichester City Charters*, pp. 5–6 and pl. i (facs.); Ballard, *Chichester* (1898), 92; Ballard, *British Borough Charters* (1913), 4; Gross, *Gild Merchant*, ii. 47; J. Dallaway, *History of Chichester* (1804), 577–8; *Sussex Arch. Coll.* xv. 169.

Date: Uncertain, but quite possibly Jan. 1136—the early date being suggested by the Bishop of Winchester as sole witness. The 'Earl Roger' is Roger de Montgomery (d. 1094).

182. Chichester Cath. and See (2 Feb. 1147–18 April 1148)

Confirmation of William Earl of Arundel's gift of all his rights in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the city of Chichester

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse illud donum quod comes Willelmus de Arundell fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Cycestr(ie) donando ei scilicet quicquid habebat in quarta parte civitatis

Cyc(estrie) in qua ipsa ecclesia et domus episcopales et canonicorum site sunt. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis teneat et in perpetuum possideat illud donum bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete ab omnibus exactionibus et consuetudinibus tam in hominibus quam in terris et domibus, cum saca et socna et tol et theam et infangeneðeof et omnibus aliis libertatibus cum quibus illa ecclesia vel alie ecclesie regni mei melius et liberius et quietius tenent alias possessiones suas et sicut idem comes eidem ecclesie illud dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Theobald(o) archiep(iscopo) Cant(uariensi), H(enrico) ep(iscopo) Wint(oniensi), et Sim(one) ep(iscop)o W(igornensi).

MSS.: Chichester, Dioc. Rec. Off., *Liber Y, f. 84, Liber B, ff. 24v and 77v.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1168 (no. xxxiii); *Chich. Chart.*, no. 96 (abstract).
Date: Earl William's charter is dated 2 Feb. 1147 (*Chich. Chart.*, no. 94) and Stephen's confirmation is mentioned in a bull of Eugenius III dated 18 April 1148 (ibid., no. 60).

183. Chichester Cath. and See (Dec. 1148–26 Nov. 1149, at London)

Confirmation of the manor of Bexley (Kent) as granted or restored by John Count of Eu

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Hilar(io) ep(iscop)o Cicestr(ensi) et successoribus suis imperpetuum manerium de Bixla cum hundredo et cum ecclesiis et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quod Joh(ann)es comes Augensis ecclesie Cicestrensi et predicto Hilario episcopo et successoribus suis et assensu meo reddidit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis in perpetuum sicut jus Cicestrensis ecclesie et sicut carta ejusdem comitis Johannis testatur. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia Cicestr(ensis) et Hilarius episcopus et omnes successores sui predictum manerium de Bixla cum hundredo et ecclesiis et omnibus pertinentiis suis tam in bosco quam in plano teneant de me in capite cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangentheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus melius et liberius et quietius tenent alias teneuras suas, et ita quod propter hoc manerium quod ecclesia Cicestr(ensis) recuperavit a predicto comite Joh(ann)e Augensi non requiratur amplius servitium aliquod neque de ecclesia neque de episcopis, quia clamavi illud manerium quietum Hillario episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum de omnibus servitiis in auxilio servitii quod ecclesia predicta primitus debebat. T(estibus) Theobald(o) Cant(uariensi) archiep(iscop)o, et H(enrico) Wint(oniensi) ep(iscop)o, et Rob(er)to ep(iscop)o London(iensi), et N(igello) ep(iscop)o Elien(si), et W(illelmo) Norwic(ensi) ep(iscop)o, et J(ocelino) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et G(ilberto) ep(iscop)o Heref(ordensi), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et W(illelmo) de Caisn(eto). Apud London(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart., R. 12 Ed. II, m. 22; Chichester Dioc. Rec. Off., Liber Y, f. 85 (incomplete), Liber B, ff. 24v and 34v, Liber E, f. 158.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1168 (no. xxxii) incomplete; *Chich. Chart.*, no. 111 (abstract).
Date: John Count of Eu's own charter is dated 18 Dec. 1148, and this charter of Stephen's is mentioned in a bull of Eugenius III dated 26 Nov. 1149 (*Chich. Chart.*, no. 61). A problem is created by the attestation of Jocelin Bishop of Salisbury since he received a charter from the Empress at Falaise on 10 June 1148 and attested for Duke Henry at Devizes in April 1149 (794–5).

184. Chichester Cath. and See (6 Dec. 1147–3 May 1152)

Grant of the chapelry of Pevensey (Sx.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Cicestrie et Hillario episcopo et successoribus ejus episcopis in perpetuam elemosinam capellariam de Pevenesel cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, ita quod Hillarius episcopus et successores sui inde sint capellani Matildis regine uxoris mee, et successores ejus, et ad festa ejus invitati tanquam proprii capellani ejus venient et ei inde servient. Et volo et precipio quod ecclesia et episcopus teneant prefatam capellariam et quicquid ad eam pertinet bene et in pace libere et honorifice et quiete cum saca et socna et thol et theam et infangentheof et omnibus aliis libertatibus

sicut tenent alias possessiones suas, et secundum quod libertates ad eandem capellariam pertinent. Testibus W(illelmo) Norw(icensi episcopo, et Henrico abbate de Fiscampe, M(atilda) regina.

MSS.: Chichester Dioc. Rec. Off., *Liber B, f. 24v, Liber E, f. 209.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1168 (no. xxxi); *Chich. Chart.*, no. 110 (abstract).
Date: While Hilary was Bishop of Chichester and before the death of the queen.

185. Chichester Cath. and See (1150–2, at London)

Confirmation of an agreement between Chichester Cathedral and the monastery of St. Martin of Séez

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse conventionem illam que facta est inter ecclesiam Cyc(estrensem) et m(on)ast(er)ium Sagien(se) de prebenda quam Will(elmus) archidiaconus Lond(oniensis) tenuit in ecclesia de Arundell(a), que prebenda facta est de ecclesiis de Sengelton(a), de Estden(a), et de Westden(a) cum pertinentiis suis. Et volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Cyc(estrensis) prenominatam prebendam habeat et in perpetuum teneat ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut tenet alias prebendas suas et sicut Joh(ann)es abbas Sagiensis et conventus ejusdem monasterii illud concesserunt et carta sua confirmaverunt, et sicut Will(elmu)s comes Cycestr(ensis) et Adelidis regina uxor ejus de quorum feodo prebenda illa est illud concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. T(estibus) M(atilda) regina, et Will(elm)o Mar[tel],[1] et Ric(ardo) de Luc(i), et Ric(ardo) de Canvilla. Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *MS.* Maresc(allo)

MSS.: Chichester Dioc. Rec. Off., *Liber Y (Ep. vi/1/6), f. 85v, Liber B, f. 254.
Printed (in abstract only): *H.M.C. Various Coll.* i. 181 and *Chich. Chart.*, no. 113.
Date: The prebend was given to Chichester by William Earl of Chichester, Queen Adeliza his wife, and their sons in a charter dated 1150 (*Cal. Charter Rolls*, i. 31). Queen Matilda d. 6 May 1152.

186. Cirencester Abbey (1136–9, at Cirencester)

Quittance from toll etc. for the abbey's belongings

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus ministris et prepositis totius Anglie et Normannie salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res abbatis Cyr(ences)t(rie) et canonicorum suorum quas homines sui affidare poterint esse suas proprias sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine. Et prohibeo ne quis eos super hoc injuste disturbet super x l(ibras) forisfacture. T(estibus) Rog(ero) canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Martell(o). Apud Cy(rencest)r(iam).

MSS.: Lady Vestey, Stowell Park, Northleach, *Reg. A, f. 21v, Reg. B, f. 4v; Longleat, Marquess of Bath's Cirencester Cart., p. 24 (no. 24).
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 49.

187. Cirencester Abbey (1136–9, at Reading)

The abbot and church to hold their lands and possessions

Steph(anus) rex Anglorum omnibus justiciis et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris in quorum minister(iis) abbas de Cirec(estria) terras habet salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Cirecestr(ia) et ecclesia sua ita bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete teneat omnes terras suas et redditus in ecclesiis et decimis et nemoribus et aliis rebus sicut unquam melius tenuit usque ad diem qua rex Henr(icus) fuit vivus et mortuus. Et si postea de terra vel re aliqua dissaitus (*sic*) est, prorsus resaisiatur, ita ne quicquam inde detineatur. Et si aliquis ei quicquam detinuerit, vos faciatis ei inde plenariam justiciam; et desicut tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus non ponatur in placitum versus aliquem. T(estibus) archiep(iscop)o Cant(uariensi), et ep(iscop)o Sar(isberiensi). Apud Radingas.

MS.: Longleat, *MS. 38b, p. 20 (no. 17).
Printed: Baddeley, *Cirencester*, 114 (abstract attributed in error to Henry II).
Date: The Bishop of Salisbury is presumably Roger. It is tempting to date this Jan. 1136 (Henry I's obsequies at Reading), but it could easily be later, e.g. late 1139 in connexion with **189** and **189 n.**

188. Cirencester Abbey (1136–9, and probably *c.* May 1138, at Hereford)

The abbot to hold his men freely etc.

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris suis in quorum ballia abbas et canonici Cirecestr(ie) tenent terras salutem. Precipio quod abbas Cirecestr(ie) teneat homines suos ita bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut melius et liberius tenebat die qua rex Henric(us) dedit terras predictas et homines ecclesie Cirec(estrie). Nec de hominibus suis placitet, quicumque calumpnietur eos fugitivos suos esse, desicut breve regis Henrici hoc testatur. T(este) com(ite) de Auco. Apud Hereford(iam).

MS.: Longleat, *MS. 38b, p. 20 (no. 16).
Printed: Baddeley, *Cirencester*, 114 (abstract).
Date: While Stephen held Hereford. Henry Count of Eu was probably with him there *c.* May 1138; see **383**. In the cartulary this writ follows *Regesta*, ii. 1819, to which it apparently refers.

189. Cirencester Abbey (*c.* 25 Dec. 1139, at Salisbury)

Confirmation of Henry I's charter (Regesta, *ii. 1782*) *and restoration of lands held by Bishop Roger of Salisbury and others*

Steph(anu)s rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus Sancte Ecclesie per Angliam constitute salutem. Sciatis universi quoniam ego reddidi et concessi deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Cyr(e)nc(estrie) pro animabus patrum et antecessorum meorum et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei abbati Serl(oni) et omnibus successoribus ejus et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus totam tenuram prefate ecclesie sicut subj(e)cta predecessoris et avunculi mei Henrici regis declarat cartula:— *H(enricus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis . . . apud Burna(m) in transfretatione mea anno incarnationis domini mcxxxiii, regni vero mei xxxiii.* Hanc itaque donationem et concessionem a H(enrico) predecessore et avunculo meo pie memorie rege factam ego quoque laudo et regia auctoritate corroboro, et omnes libertates et quietationes et consuetudines et dignitates sicut ipse concessit ei et ego concedo, et a deo mihi tradita potestate illi ecclesie imperpetuum obtinendas decerno eam[que][1] in manu et protectione regia tanquam propriam elemosinam mea retineo. De rebus autem predictis que fuerunt Reinbaldi hoc confirmo et corroboro, quod quicquid Rog(erus) episcopus inde tenuit, videlicet ecclesias de Froma, de Aveb(er)ia, de Sc(r)iveha(m), de Coch(am), de Brai, et in Eston(a) x hid(as), deinceps sint et imperpetuum permaneant in proprios usus et dominium canonicorum regularium sicut in carta H(enrici) regis avunculi mei statutum est. De ecclesia autem de Meleburn(e) quam tenet Will(elmus) fil(ius) Warini vic(ecomitis), et de ecclesia de Brikestok(a) quam tenet N(icholaus) nepos episcopi Wintoniensis, et de prebendis canonicorum secularium quod in eadem carta statutum est confirmo, scilicet ut post mortem eorum redeant in proprios usus canonicorum regularium. Test(ibus) Rob(er)to He(re)f(ordensi) ep(iscop)o, et Philipp(o) cancell(ario), et Rog(ero) archid(iacono) de Fesc(anno), Walt(er)o archid(iacono) de Oxeneford(a), et Wal(erano) com(ite) de Mell(ento), Engel(gero) de Sai, Walt(ero) de Sar(esberia), Rob(erto) de Ver, Will(elmo) de Pont(e)arch(e). Apud Sar(esberiam), anno ab incarnatione domini millesimo cxxxix, regni vero mei quinto.

[1] que *supplied from Reg. B*

MSS.: Lady Vestey, *Reg. A, f. 14v, Reg. B, f. 1v.
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 25.
Date: While Philip was chancellor, and after death of Bishop Roger. Cf. **789**. Stephen spent Christmas 1139 at Salisbury (J. Wig. 58–59).
This charter was evidently issued in response to the following letter (Longleat, MS. 38b, p. 11 (no. 2), printed (wrongly) in Baddeley, *Cirencester*, 112:
Stephano regi Anglorum ac sedis apostolice legato totique clero et omnibus baronibus Francis et Anglis totius Anglie Rogerus episcopus Sar(isberiensis) salutem. Notum vobis facio quoniam reddidi abbati et conventui Cirecestr(ie) omnes ecclesias et terras et tenuras quas de tenura ecclesie Cirecestr(ie) in manu mea tenebam, et postea omnes alias ecclesias et terras tenuras post mortem illorum qui modo inde saisiti sunt, de tenura dico predicte ecclesie. Quare precor vos omnes quod illud firmum et stabile esse faciatis. Testibus Atio(ne) decano Sar(isberiensi), et Will(elm)o subdecano, et Osm(undo) dap(ifero, et Walt(er)o de Maisy. Apud Sar(isberiam).
Date: 29 Aug.–11 Dec. 1139, while Bishop Henry was legate and Roger was alive.

190. Cirencester Abbey (1141–2, at Oxford)

The empress restores the land of Longleat pertaining to the church of Frome (Som.)

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina episcopo de Bada et comiti W(illelmo) de Sumerset(a) et vic(ecomiti) et forest(ario) et omnibus ministris suis de Sumerseta salutem. Sciatis quia ego reddidi abbati de Cyr(en)cest(ria) terram de Langel(eta) que pertinet ecclesie sue de Froma in bosco et plano et in omnibus rebus ita plenarie tenendam et habendam sicut ecclesia illa umquam melius tenuit antequam pater meus rex H(enricus) ejecisset homines de foresta de Langel(eta). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod super hoc nullus eis inde injuriam faciat vel contumeliam. Teste H(umfrido) de Bohun. Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MS.: Lady Vestey, *Reg. A, f. 21.
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 48.
Date: While Matilda held Oxford.

191. Cirencester Abbey (1136–54, at Dunstable)

Restoration of land at Boycott Farm in Stowe (Bucks.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Oxen(e)fordshir(a) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Cyre(nces)t(ria) et canonicis terram de Boicot(a) sicut eam melius habuerunt. Quare volo et precipio quod teneant terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut melius tenent alias tenuras et elemosinas suas, et sicut carta regis H(enrici) et mea testantur. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto). Apud Dunestap(ulam).

MSS.: Lady Vestey, Reg. A, f. 21; *Longleat, MS. 386, p. 12 (no. 5).
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 50.
Date: Stephen was at Dunstable with both witnesses in Jan. 1154, but all three could have been there on several other occasions too. (Boycott was transferred from Oxon. to Bucks. in 1844.)

192. Cirencester Abbey (May 1152–Aug. 1153, at Cirencester)

Grant of 2 hides of land in Cirencester

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Wig(orniensi) just(iciis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Cyr(en)c(estria) et canonicis in eadem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam duas hidas terre in Cyre(n)c(estria), unam de dominio meo et alteram de warlanda quam iiij^{or} villani tenuerunt, ita quod eadem hida de dominio meo incipit circa Goggesdich et durat usque Clacehull, pro salute mea et filiorum meorum et pro anima regis H(enrici) et aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Angl(orum), et pro anima Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et pro animabus omnium fidelium. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et canonici illas duas hidas terre bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum omnibus libertatibus eidem terre pertinentibus sicut elemosinam, solutam et quietam omni seculari exactione et servitio et danegeldo et murdro et omnibus aliis geldis et consuetudinibus. T(estibus) W(illelmo) comite de Arundel, et comite Sim(one), et W(illemo) Martel, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Willelmo de Caisn(eto). Apud Cyr(en)c(estriam).

MS.: Lady Vestey, *Reg. A, f. 21.
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 49.
Date: After the death of the queen (3 May 1152) and before that of Earl Simon (Aug. 1153).

193. Cirencester Abbey (April–Dec. 1153, probably *c.* April–May, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry confirms a grant by Roger Earl of Hereford of 2 hides in Cirencester, Baunton, and Chesterton, one of them being royal demesne

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus suis fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem quam fecit

Rogerus comes Hereford(ie) ecclesie beate Marie de Cyrencestria de ii (h)idis terre quas ipse predicte ecclesie et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam dedit, salva firma mea quam ipse comes Rogerus inde debet michi reddere. Sunt autem ille due hide apud C(yrencestriam), una de dominio meo quam comes Herefordie tenet ad firmam feodalem, et alia de warlanda[1] in Baudintune et in Cestrentona. Quare volo et precipio ut canonici illas libere et quiete in prato et in terra arabili et in omnibus rebus teneant, ne quis eis inde ullam injuriam vel contumeliam inferat. T(este) W(illelmo) cancell(ario), [et][2] Rogero comite Heref(ordie), Waltero fratre ejus, Hunfrido de Bohun dapifero, Warino filio Geroldi, Hugone de Longocampo. Apud Glouc(estriam).

[1] *Thus A. B reads* walranda [2] *MSS.* t

MSS.: Lady Vestey, *Reg. B, f. 6, Reg. A, f. 21v.
Printed: *Cirencester Cartulary*, p. 51.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in W. England. Apparently the same two hides that Stephen gave in **192**.

194. Clairmarais Abbey (1140–2, and probably 1142, at Guildford)

Two grants of land in the forest of Beaulo (a forest at Éperlecques)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie et Normannie et Bolonie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse per requisitionem Mathildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et pro anima comitis Eustachii et pro redemptione animarum nostrarum et antecessorum nostrorum fratribus in Claromesc deo servientibus in Bethlo totam terram cum nemore que est inter domum Malgeri et domum Raimundi de Tolsath sicut via que est in nemore dividit, et via presbyteri. Reliquum vero nemoris nostri ad necessitatem eorumdem fratrum et ut suum nutriant et subsidem unum super ripam manentem, ut eos et res eorum per amnem vehat et revehat, et cetera que mihi debebat juste servitia eis persolvat, libera et perpetuo jure obtinenda concessi, et ne posteros latere possit sigilli mei impressione confirmavi. Huic autem prime donationi, interventu domini Bernardi abbatis Clarevallensis, ad valens duas carrugas inter boscum et planum in valle que est adjuncta vie presbiteri adjunxi. Et hoc quoque sigilli mei impressione confirmavi et comiti Flandrie ad cujus feodum pertinet hoc idem confirmandum mandavi. Et ne quis hoc temerarius in posterum violare presumat, episcopo Morinensi ut idem sigilli sui auctoritate et excommunicationis data sententia confirmet supplicavi. Testibus Roberto de Gandavo cancellario, et Willelmo Martel,[1] et Ingelramno de Sai, et Turgisio de Abrincis,[2] et Roberto de Valderi. Apud Geldeford.

[1] *GC* Marter [2] *GC* Alrincis

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850 (copy by de Vissery, 1748, from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 117, from which all texts derive; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* iii (1734), 333; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 314; Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, 120; *C.D.F.*, no. 1353 (cal.).
Date: Robert de Gant not chancellor before 17 March 1140. The abbey founded 26 April 1140 from Clairvaux. The confirmatory charter of Thierri Count of Flanders is dated 1142 (Laplane, i. 316–17).

195. Clairmarais Abbey (1142)

Confirmation of the same by Queen Matilda and her son Eustace

Ego Mathildis dei gratia Anglorum regina et Bolonie comitissa et Eustachius filius meus ultimum commercium arbitrantes terrenis celestia et transitoriis eterna comparare pro redemptione animarum nostrarum et predecessorum nostrorum fratribus de Claromaresch deo servientibus totam terram cum nemore suo que est inter domum Malgeri et domum Raimundi Tolsath sicut via que est in nemore dividit et via presbyteri *etc. ut in diplomate Stephani* **[194]**. Si quis quoque eis terram in potestate nostra dederit aut vendiderit, liberam concessimus. Actum anno domini incarnationis MCXLII, indictione v, testibus Bernardo abbate Clarevallis, Waleranno abbate Ursicampi, Henrico abbate de Valcellis, Theodorico abbate de Capella, Milone archidiacono, Johanne abbate B(eate) Marie, et Petro abbate

Sancti Wlmari; militibus de Templo, Gilleberto de Drusencurth, Ostone de S(ancto) Audomaro, Widone de Meremferamus, Clarembaldo de Hechot, Symone de Gerardi molendino, Drogone de Spereleke, Thoma de Maresch(o), Willelmo monacho.

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 14, from *Gall. Christ.*
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 118; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* iii. 333; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 315; *C.D.F.* no. 1354 (cal.); *Mems. de la Soc. acad. de Baulogne-s-Mer*, xiii (1882–6), 103 (cal.).

196. Clairmarais Abbey (*c.* 1142–7, at Boulogne)

The queen and Eustace her son confirm their previous grant and add a third carucate to it

Mathildis dei gratia regina Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus baronibus Anglie et Normannie et Bolonie et universis filiis sancte ecclesie salutem. Ego Mathildis gratia dei Anglorum regina et Bolonie comitissa et Eustachius filius meus Gunfrido abbati de Claromaresch et successoribus ejus in perpetuum unam carruc[at]am ad abbatiam construendam in nemore nostro de Bethlo juxta aquam que appellatur Reche et villam dictam Newerlede, pro salute animarum nostrarum et predecessorum nostrorum concessimus. Huic autem primo dono quod est a manso Malgeri per viam superiorem que est in nemore, et viam presbyteri versum viam Heleeche, et secundo quod est in valle conjuncta vie presbyteri quod est duarum carruc[at]arum, tertium adjunximus. Testibus Willelmo de Ypra, Willelmo de Monsterolio, Arnulpho advocato Tarvanie, Richardo de Luci, Eustachio de Furnis, Thoma capellano, Richardo Bolonie, Petro clerico, Odone clerico. Apud Boloniam.

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 16 (from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 118; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* iii. 334; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 333; *C.D.F.*, no. 1355 (cal.).
Date: After **195**. Cf. **26**.

197. Clairmarais Abbey (1142–7, at London)

Confirmation of the grant of a carucate of land for building the abbey

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Morinensi justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis in comitatu Boloniensi. Sciatis quia concedo Gunfrido abbati de Claromesch[1] et successoribus ejus in perpetuum, pro redemptione anime mee et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et predecessorum nostrorum, unam carrucatam terre ad abbatiam construendam in nemore de Bethlo, juxta aquam que appellatur Reche, et juxta villam de Newerlede; quam carrucatam Mathildis uxor mea eis in eleemosynam dedit. Et ne hoc posteros latere possit, sigilli mei impressione confirmo, et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro, Willelmi de Ypra, et Roberti de Ver constabularii, et Willelmi Marte[l],[2] et Richardi de Luci. Apud Londoniam.

[1] *Miraeus* abbati Claremaresch [2] *GC and M* Marter

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 15 (from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725), iii, Instr. 118; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* iii. 333; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 333; *C.D.F.*, no. 1356 (cal.).
Date: After **196** and before Eustace was Count of Boulogne.

198. Clairmarais Abbey (1143–7, at Rochester)

The queen gives permission for the abbey not to move to the new site provided

Mathildis dei gratia regina Anglorum humilis et devota famula Christi abbati et toti conventui de Claromaresch salutem. Sciat fraternitas vestra notumque id ipsum esse volumus tam futuris quam presentibus quod dominus meus rex Stephanus et ego donationem terre quam vobis contulimus sub conditione abbatie inibi construende, libere et sine conditione vos et monasterium vestrum concedimus possidere, ut scilicet de cetero pro pacto aliquo quod antehac nobiscum feceritis monasterium vestrum a loco in quo nunc est non cogamini transferre. Proinde conventum est nobis a fratribus vestris quod ipsa abbatia ibidem ita sit nostra quemadmodum si ad donationis locum transferretur. Testibus Thoma

capellano, Eustachio, Richardo de Bolonia, Willelmo de Ypra, Richardo de Luci, Willelmo Martel, Wa[rnero][1] de Lusor, et aliis pluribus cum abbate de Boxleia domno Lamberto. Apud Roffam.

[1] *GC and all other texts*, Waltero

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 17 (from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 119; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* 334; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 334; *C.D.F.*, no. 1357 (cal.).
Date: The earliest date given for the foundation of Boxley Abbey is 1143 (Annals of Waverley, in *Ann. Mon.* (R.S.), ii. 230). Necessarily before the death of Richard of Boulogne, which was not later than 1147 (**539–40, 553**).

199. Clairmarais Abbey (1143–7)

*Stephen confirms **198***

Stephanus rex Anglie humilis et devotus famulus Christi Willelmo abbati et toti conventui de Claromaresch salutem. Sciat fraternitas vestra, notumque id ipsum volumus omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Stephanus rex et Mathildis regina donationem terre etc. *ut in superiori charta*. Testibus Baldrico, Eustachio, Thoma capellano, Richardo de Bolonia, Willelmo de Ypra, [Ricardo][1] de Luci, Willelmo Martel, Wa[rnero][2] Lusor, et aliis pluribus cum domno abbate de Boxleia Lamberto.

[1] *All texts omit* Ricardo [2] *All texts read* Waltero

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 18 (from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 119; Miraeus, *Opera Dipl.* iii. 334; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 335; *C.D.F.*, no. 1358 (cal.).
Date: As for **198**. Laplane gives a place-date, *Apud Bergas*, but he professes to get his text from MS. 850 which only gives the first 3 witnesses and is itself derived from *Gall. Christ.*

200. Clairmarais Abbey (1142–7)

Charter of William of Ypres, witnessed by Queen Matilda and her son Eustace

Sciant universi tam presentes quam posteri quod ego Willelmus de Ypra dedi et concessi in perpetuam eleemosynam pro salute anime mee et parentum meorum deo et ecclesie de Claromaresch et monachis ibidem deo servientibus terram que fuit Erembaldi Stratin. Eapropter volo quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete. Et ut hec donatio mea rata et inconcussa in aevum habeatur sigilli mei impressione confirmo et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro. Signum Mathildis regine Anglie, et Eustachii filii regine Anglie, et Baldrici de Sigill[o], et Odonis clerici, et Willelmi Marte[l], et Eustachii de Ypra, Gill(eberti) Maineran, Willelmi Fladebec.

MS.: St. Omer, Bibl. Mun., MS. 850, p. 24 (from *Gall. Christ.*).
Printed: **Gall. Christ.* (1725) iii, Instr. 121; Laplane, *Clairmarais*, i. 335.
Date: After the foundation of the abbey and before Eustace was Count of Boulogne.

201. Clare, Roger de (1152–4, at Westminster)

Earl Roger to have seisin of the tenements of Baldwin fitz Richard and his mother, with the wardship of Baldwin's son

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) O(rdingo) abbati Sancti Eadmundi salutem. Precipio tibi quod saisias Rog(erum) comi(tem) de Clara de omnibus tenementis de quibus Bald(uinus) filius Gaufr(idi) et Ricolda mater ejus saisiti fuerunt de feodo Sancti Eadmundi, et nominatim de mansura terre et domibus infra villam Sancti Eadmundi ita plenarie et juste sicut carta mea precepi, cum custodia fil(ii) Bald(uini) salvo servitio quod inde tibi debet. Et nisi feceris, justic(ia) mea de Sudfolc(ia) faciat fieri ne inde clamorem audiam pro penuria recti vel justicie. Teste Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud Westmonasterium.

MSS.: B.M. *Campbell Ch. xxix. 3 (original, $7\frac{2}{5}'' \times 2\frac{1}{5}''$; scribe unidentified by T.A.M.B. (no. 334) but probably official; no tongue or seal). Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. D. 404, f. 154 (copy).
Printed: Douglas, *Feudal Docs.*, no. 78.
Date: Roger succeeded to the earldom of Hertford (or Clare) on 24 Nov. 1152 (*Ann. Tewkesb.*).

202. Clerkenwell, St. Mary's Priory (1139–54, at Watford)

Grant of a penny a day from the 'farm' of Surrey

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis Sudr(eie) salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam monialibus de Clerkenw(e)lle juxta Lond(oniam) singulis diebus i d(enarium) de firma mea Sudreie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et plenarie illum eis habere faciatis, et ad rectos et statutos terminos ne inde fallant. Test(ibus) Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Warino de Luseris. Apud Wadford.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Faustina B. ii, f. 11v.
Printed: *Clerkenwell Cartulary*, no. 12.
Date: While William of Ypres was in England. The payment cannot be traced in the Pipe Rolls of Henry II's reign.

203. Clerkenwell, St. Mary's Priory (1152–4, at London).

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Clerkenwella[1] et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus et confirmasse locum suum et quicquid Ricardus episcopus Lond(oniensis) et Jordanus filius Radulfi filii Brientii et alii barones mei eis rationabiliter in elemosinam dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et moniales teneant et in perpetuum possideant omnes possessiones suas in terris et decimis et omnibus rebus infra burgum et extra cum saca et socna et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus alie ecclesie mee monialium melius et liberius tenent. T(estibus) Willelmo comite Cicestrie,[2] et Rogero de Fraxin(eto), et Warnero de Lusor(is). Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *Cotton MS.* Clerkenwelle [2] *Cotton MS.* Cestrie

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 11 Ed. II, m. 29; B.M. Cotton MS. Faustina B. ii, f. 6.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iv. 398; *Clerkenwell Cartulary*, no. 1.
Date: After Richard de Belmeis II cons. Bishop of London (28 Sept. 1152). Cf. Round in *Archaeologia* lvi (1909), 223–8.

204. Cluny, Abbey of (1136, at Winchester)

Grant of the manor of Letcombe Regis (Berks.) in lieu of the pension of 100 marks granted by King Henry I

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis per Angliam constitutis salutem. Sciatis quoniam venerabilis memorie rex Henricus avunculus meus et antecessor meus pro anima patris sui, avi mei, et animabus patrum et predecessorum nostrorum, dedit in elemosinam omnibus annis deo et ecclesie beati Petri de Cluniaco centum marcas argenti de proprio thesauro suo. Ego vero bonorum ejus actuum ex debito sicut subsecutor sic et devotus imitator, et ex gratia superne miserationis sedulus operator, quod prefatus avunculus meus predicte ecclesie in denariis contulit de thesauro suo, hoc ego eidem ecclesie in subscripte terre stabiliter hiis redditibus in perpetuum assigno, et manerium meum de Ledecumba[1] quod de proprio dominio meo est pro illis centum marcis argenti illi ecclesie in sempiternum dono et concedo. Quare volo et firmiter[2] precipio quod Cluniacensis ecclesia teneat manerium illud cum omnibus consuetudinibus[3] et appendiciis suis[4] in terris, et proprio hundredo ejus(dem) manerii, et cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeþeof et cum omnibus quietationibus et libertatibus et rebus illi manerio pertinentibus quas ipsum manerium liberius habuit quando fuit in manu mea et antecessorum meorum. Et ut hec donatio mea rata et inconcussa illi ecclesie sine fine perduret, presentis sigilli mei attestatione et subscriptorum subnotatione confirmo et corroboro. Apud Wintoniam anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI, regni vero mei[5] primo. Signum Stephani regis, ✠ S(ignum) Matill(dis) regine, S(ignum)

[1] *MS. 5459 and N.A. 766* Ledegba [2] *Trinity MS.* confirmo
[3] *Trinity MS.* consuetis [4] *Trinity MS. omits* suis [5] *MSS. 5459 and N.A. 766* nostri

Eustachii filii regis, ✠ S(ignum) Henrici[1] de Soilli, S(ignum) Henrici episcopi Wintoniensis, Signum Rogeri episcopi Saresberiensis, Signum Alexandri episcopi Lincoln(iensis), Signum Nigelli Eliensis episcopi, Signum Alani comitis Richemont, Signum Rogeri comitis Warwicensis, Signum Alberici[2] de Ver, Signum Roberti de Ver,[3] Signum Willelmi Peverelli, Signum Ilberti[4] de Laci.

[1] *Trinity MS.* Enr(ic)i
[2] *Trinity MS.* Abb'tis
[3] *MSS. 5459 and N.A. 766 reverse the order of Robert de Vere and William Peverel*
[4] *MSS. 5459 and N.A. 766* Lamberti

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Trinity Coll. MS. 85 (Montacute Cartulary), f. 97v; Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 5459, p. 19 (17th-cent. copy), and MS. Latin N.A. 766, f. 63 (13th-cent. cartulary).
Printed: Marrier et Du Chesne, *Bibliotheca Cluniacensis* (1614), 1398; Duckett, *Charters of Cluny*, ii. 187. Calendared in *C.D.F.*, no. 1390, *Montacute Cartulary* (Som. Rec. Soc., 1894), p. 197.
Henry I's grant was made in 1131: *Regesta*, ii. 1691, 1713.

205. Cluny, Abbey of (1144–7)

Duke Geoffrey confirms 204

Reverendo patri dei gratia Cluniacensi abbati P(etro) et sanctissimo conventui Cluniacensi G(alfridus) eadem gratia dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum eternam in domino salutem. Felicis memorie predecessor noster Henricus rex Anglorum centum marcas argenti singulis annis Cluniacensibus fratribus in elemosina dabat. Eo autem decedente pro predictis centum marcis data est terra predictis fratribus.[1] Illam igitur terram Cluniacensi ecclesie et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus jure perpetuo possidendam concedimus. Donationem quoque de terra predicta ab imperatrice factam laudamus et confirmamus. Testes sunt Hugo[2] archiepiscopus Turonensis, Paganus de Claravalle, Guido de Sablolio.

[1] *NA 766 adds (in error)* ibidem deo servientibus jure perpetuo possidendam concedimus
[2] *MS. 5459 has written* Hugo *but then deleted it. It is written in full in N.A. 766*

MSS.: Paris, *Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 5459, p. 116, and MS. Latin N.A. 766, f. 62.
Printed: Marrier et Du Chesne, *Bibliotheca Cluniacensis* (1614), 143; Bruel, *Chartes de Cluny*, v. no. 4095.
Date: Geoffrey became Duke of Normandy in 1144, and Hugh de la Ferté Archbishop of Tours died in 1147. There is now no trace of Matilda's charter.

206. Cluny, Abbey of (Nov. 1153–April 1154, at Westminster)

Duke Henry confirms 204

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo et confirmo deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri Clun(iacensis) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus manerium de Leddecumbe in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute Henrici regis avi mei et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro propria salute mea. Quod manerium Stephanus rex dedit et assedit eis pro centum marcis quas prefatus Henricus rex solebat dare annuatim eidem ecclesie Clun(iacensi). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi idem manerium bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in perpetuum teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis et hominibus et teneuris eorum et cum omnibus libertatibus suis, sicut unquam melius et plenius et liberius tenuit illud Henrichus rex in manu sua. T(estes) Teobaldus archiep(is)c(opus) Cant(uariensis), Henricus ep(is)c(opus) Wint(oniensis), Richardus ep(is)c(opus) Lund(oniensis), Rob(er)tus ep(is)c(opus) Lincol(niensis), Joscelin(us) ep(is)c(opus) Saresb(eriensis), Willelmus comes Gloec(estrie), Rainald(us) com(es) Cornubie, Rob(er)tus comes Legre(cestrie), Richard(us) de Humet, Ric(ardus) de Luci, Will(elmus) Martel, Manasses Bis(set). Ap(ud) Westmonaster(ium).

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat. *Collection de Bourgogne 80, no. 247 (original, 11⅛″ × 7¼″, with fragment of seal in green wax on green cords); ibid. no. 248 (contemporary copy without seal, but with slits as if for tag).
Printed: Bruel, *Chartes de Cluny*, v, no. 4166; Duckett, *Charters of Cluny*, i. 82; Delisle–Berger, no. 64*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1396 (cal.).
Date: After the treaty of Westminster because Stephen is styled King and Wm. Martel is a witness. Before Henry returned to Normandy.

207. Coggeshall Abbey (1139–41)

Queen Matilda grants the manor of Coggeshall (Essex) and thus founds the abbey

Matildis dei gratia Anglorum regina omnibus prelatis et filiis et fidelibus Sancte Ecclesie salutem. Notum sit omnibus vobis quia dominus meus rex Stephanus, et ego, et filius meus Eustachius, damus et in perpetuam elemosinam concedimus, pro salute animarum nostrarum, et antecessorum et liberorum et omnium amicorum nostrorum tam vivorum quam mortuorum, deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie atque abbati et conventui de Coggeshale ipsum idem manerium de Coggeshale totum in terra et hominibus, in bosco et plano, in aqua et extra aquam, in via et extra viam, et in omnibus rebus ad ipsum pertinentibus; ita libere et quiete sicut comes Eustachius pater meus et nos postea liberius et quietius illud tenuimus, solutum videlicet et quietum de placitis et querelis, de scottis et auxiliis, de siris et hundredis, de danegeldis et omnibus rebus, de exercitu et equitatu, de opere parci, de opere et custodia castelli, de omni alio opere et omni genere servitii, de murdro et omnibus aliis rebus, et omnibus exactionibus, cum sacha et socha et tol et tem et infangenethef et omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis. Unde vestram deposco bonitatem quatinus pro dei amore eandem elemosinam in supradicta libertate custodiatis et manuteneatis ut, ejusdem beneficii participes effecti, a deo in eterna beatitudine mercedem recipiatis. Testibus comite Waler(anno) de Melland, et comite Gileb(er)to, et comite Gaufrido de M(agnavilla), et comite Will(elmo) de Guarenn(a), et comite Simone, et Will(elmo) de Ipre, et Rad(ulph)o cancellario meo, et Hub(er)to camerario. Apud London(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 19 Ed. II, m. 9, no. 20.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 452.
Date: After the arrival of Wm. of Ypres in England (early 1139) and before the defection of Waleran of Meulan (1141): Ralph of Coggeshall (*R.S.* p. 11) gives 1140. The place-date, 26 Dec. at Bury St. Edmunds, given in *Monast.* refers to the *inspeximus* of 1325 (*C.C.R.* iii. 479).

208. Colchester, St. Botuph's Priory (1136–40, at Writtle, Essex)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Londoniensi et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus baronibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancti Juliani et Sancti Botulfi de Colecestr(a) et canonicis regularibus in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram et quicquid comes Eustachius eis dedit in burgo Colecestre et extra. Et volo et precipio quod bene et in pace libere et quiete teneant, sicut carta regis Henrici et carta mea de comitatu meo testantur, cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis. Testibus R. cancellario, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Writelam.

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. VI, m. 15.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1422–9*, p. 416.
Date: Aubrey de Vere d. 9 May 1140.

209. Colchester, St. Botulph's Priory (1136–40, at Writtle, Essex)

General protection

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(iis) et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Juliani de Colecestra et Sancti Botulfi et canonici ejusdem ecclesie habeant ita quiete et honorifice et libere omnes terras suas et omnes res suas cum saca et soca et toll et team et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietationibus cum quibus alie ecclesie melius habent et liberius in Anglia, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. T(estibus) R. canc(ellario) et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Writelam.

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. VI, m. 15.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1422–9*, p. 416.
Date: As for **208.**

210. Colchester, St. Botulph's Priory (1140–3, at London)

Protection for the lands and men of John, Prior of Colchester

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum com(iti) Gaufr(ido) et Ham(oni) de S(anc)to Claro et burgensibus de Colecestr(a) salutem. Precipio quod Joh(ann)es prior Colecestre teneat omnes terras homines et possessiones suas et omnes res suas ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut aliquis antecessorum suorum unquam melius vel liberius tenuit tempore regis Henrici vel meo, et ita ne super hoc de aliqua re sua placitent nisi coram me vel ubi nominatim precepero. Quia volo quod elemosina mea in pace bona sit. T(este) Rob(erto) canc(ellario). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. VI, m. 15.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1422–9*, p. 416.
Date: While Geoffrey de Mandeville was an earl and in favour.

211. Colchester, St. Botulph's Priory (1136–54, at Colchester)

Grant of the tithes of the royal demesne of Hatfield Broad Oak (Ess.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum prepositis et ministris suis de Hadfeld salutem. Precipio vobis quod faciatis habere canonicis Sancti Botulfi de Colecestr(a) decimam bladi de toto dominio meo Hadfeld(e), quicumque in illo seminaverit, ita bene et plenarie sicut unquam melius et plenius habuerunt, et de omnibus essartis; et totam decimationem dominii mei in pasnagio et pecunia et omnibus rebus sicut carta sua testatur, ne super hoc aliquis eis injuriam faciat super forisfacturam meam. Teste Fulc(one) de Oilli.[1] Apud Colecestr(iam).

[1] *MS.* Silli

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. VI, m. 15.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1422–9*, p. 415.

212. Colchester, St. Botulph's Priory (1135–54, at London).

The canons to have their lands in Tendring hundred (Ess.) freely

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum Maur(icio) de Haia et Hug(oni) filio Steph(an)i salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia et canonici Sancti Botulfi de Colecestr(a) teneant terras illas in Tendryng-hundr(edo) quas Hugo filius Steph(an)i illis in elemosinam dedit. Et habeant ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et juste sicut eis in elemosinam date sunt et sicut cyrographum inde factum testatur, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. Et nisi feceritis, justitia mea faciat fieri, ne super hoc pro penuria recti vel justitie clamorem inde audiam. T(este) Jordan(o) de Blossevill(a). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. VI, m. 15.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1422–9*, p. 416.

213. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (Jan. 1136–June 1139, at Oxford)

General confirmation

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Norm(annorum) archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis clericis et laicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et Sancto Johanni Baptiste de Colecestria et abbati et monachis ejusdem loci in perpetuam elemosynam omnes ecclesias et terras et elemosinas et decimas et homines et redditus et omnes res suas ubicunque eas habeant, quas rex Henricus eis concessit et per cartam suam confirmavit, sicut eas melius et liberius et plenius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici, et sicut carte regis Henrici testantur. Et preterea concedo eis cuncteque eorum possessioni libertates et leges ecclesie Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio scilicet sacham et socham et toll et theam, mundbrice, burhbrice, myschenninge, sceaþinge, hlæstynge, frydsocna, flemenefirmthe, þærgyldþeof, uthleaþ, forfeng, feohfeg, feordþyte, feochtþite, weardþyte, hængþyte, hamsocna, forstæall, infangeneth(ef), et omnia jura qualiumcumque causarum et omnes alias leges et consuetudines que ad me pertinent in terra et in aqua, in urbe et

extra, in domo et extra, in villa et extra, in placito, in soca et sacha, in tholoneo, in furis apprehensione, et emissione, in sanguinis effusione, et in omnibus aliis rebus in omni tempore et in omnibus locis. Has ergo omnes leges et consuetudines concedo deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria inperpetuum possidere, in aqua et terra tam plene et tam libere sicut egomet illas habeo, et sicut rex Henricus eis illas concessit, et cartis et brevibus suis confirmavit, et sicut ipsi monachi eas melius habuerunt et tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici predicti, et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Testibus R(ogero) cancellar(io), et Alb(er)ico de Ver, et Will(elm)o Martel, et Hug(one) Bigot. Apud Oxenefordiam.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 30.
Date: With Aubrey de Vere and Hugh Bigod present the chancellor must be Roger, but the whole charter is suspicious. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1204 and see Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, 158 ff. and J. H. Round in *E.H.R.* xvi. 721–30.

214. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–9, at Oxford)

Liberty of toll etc.

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) omnibus justiciis et vicecomitibus et ministris totius Anglie salutem. Volo et precipio quod abbas de Colec(estria) et monachi sui ita bene et in pace habeant omnes consuetudines et libertates suas de theoloneo et aliis consuetudinibus sicut rex Henricus eis concessit per cartam suam. Quia nolo quod dignitas quam rex Henricus eis concessit in aliquo minuatur. Quia abbatiam et omnes res ei pertinentes habeo in manu mea et in custodia mea. Testibus R(ogero) canc(ellario), et Al(berico) de Ver, et H(ugone) Big(od). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 31.
Date: As for **213**. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1822.

215. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–54, at Ipswich)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Londoniensi justiciis et vicecomitibus et ministris totius Anglie salutem. Precipio vobis quod abbas et monachi Sancti Johannis de Colecestria ita bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneant omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas et homines et redditus et omnes res suas infra burgum et extra et in omnibus locis sicut melius tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, et desicut tunc tenuerunt: non placitent inde nisi nominatim precipiam, desicut rex[1] precepit per breve suum, et si quis eis super hoc quicquam detinuerit, plenam[2] justitiam eis inde facite. Testibus Will(elmo) Martel et Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Gipewicum.

[1] **216** *adds* Henricus [2] **216** *ends here with* etc.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 51.

216. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–54)

*Repetition of **215** with general address and no witnesses or place-date*

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) omnibus vicecomitibus et justiciis et ministris totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod abbas . . . inde facite plenam justitiam, *as in **215***.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 32.

217. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1135–54, at London)

The king's peace given to the fair

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et fidelibus suis salutem. Precipio quod omnes illi qui venerint ad feiriam monachorum Sancti Johannis Colecestrie habeant meam firmam pacem eundo et redeundo et ibidem commorando, nec

esnamientur vel in placitum ponantur pro aliquo debito vel de alia calumpnia in retro facta de eis nisi de robbaria vel de latrocinio vel de murdro appellati fuerint. Testibus R(oberto) de V(er), et W(illelmo) de Mart(el). Apud London(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 31.

218. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–1154, at Colchester)

Granting 20s. from the tithe of the farm of the city of Colchester

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse inperpetuum monachis de Colecestr(ia) xx solidos singulis annis de decima firme mee civitatis Colec(estrie) ad ignem monachorum suorum infirmarie. Et volo et precipio quod eos inperpetuum habeant et possideant. Testibus W(illelmo) Martel, et A(dam) de Bel[naco].[1] Apud Colecestriam.

[1] *MS.* Belu(m)

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 31.

219. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (*c.* 1141–4, at London)

Confirmation of a carucate in Nuthampstead (Herts.)

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordscira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis Colecestrie illam donationem quam Rad(ulfus) de Noeriis dedit eis in elemosinam de terra sua, scilicet unam carucatam terre in Nothamsteda que est inter terram monialium de Berleya et inter parcum de Clavringa. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant illam in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis sicut predictus Rad(ulfus) melius et liberius illam tenuit. Testibus Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Rob(erto) Arsic. Apud Lond(iniam).

[1] *MS.* Henricus

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 17.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 41.
That this is really a charter of Stephen's and not of Henry I's is shown by Ralph's charter and various confirmations (Moore, i. 174–6) including two by Geoffrey de Mandeville as Earl of Essex (1140–4). Berleya in the cartulary is an error for Berkeya (Barkway, Herts.).

220. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–40, at Bishop's Stortford)

Queen Adeliza to cause tithe to be paid to the monks at Aston (Herts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) A(delize) regine salutem. Precipio tibi quod facias monachis Colecestrie habere decimam de Estun(a) ita bene et plene et juste in omnibus rebus sicut unquam melius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici, et quicquid retro est. Et nisi feceris etc. (*sic*). Teste A(lberico) de Ver. Aput Storteford.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 31 (wrongly).
Date: While Aubrey de Ver I alive. Cf. Queen Adeliza's own writ which the cartulary wrongly ascribes to Queen Eleanor (ibid. i. 38). Aston (Herts.) was part of her dower. See *679.

221. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (Dec. 1148–May 1152, probably at Oxford)

The queen grants East Donyland (Ess.) in exchange for the church of Lillechurch (Kent)

Matildis regina Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et baronibus et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus hominibus Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in elemosinam

ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria terram de Estdonilanda cum omnibus suis pertinentiis liberam et quietam et nominatim ab omni servitio militari. Et volo quod monachi predicte ecclesie teneant eam in perpetuam elemosinam sicut prius tenuerunt ecclesiam de Lillechirche pro qua dedi eis illam terram de Estdonilanda in escambium. Testibus T(heobaldo) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), R(oberto) episcopo Linc(olniensi), I(lario) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), comite E(ustachio) filio regis, W(illelmo) comite de Warenn(a), W(illelmo) Mart(el), Ric(ardo) de Luci, Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto), Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 34 (wrongly).
Date: Robert de Chesney cons. Bishop of Lincoln 19 Dec. 1148; the queen d. 3 May 1152. The same occasion as **222**, which was at Oxford.

222. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (Dec. 1148–May 1152, at Oxford)

Count Eustace confirms the same exchange

Eustachius comes Bolonie episcopo Lond(oniensi) et baronibus et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus hominibus Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria terram de Estdonilanda cum omnibus suis pertinentiis liberam et quietam et nominatim ab omni servitio militari liberam sicut regina mater mea eidem ecclesie dedit et concessit. Et volo quod monachi predicte ecclesie teneant eam in perpetuam elemosinam sicut prius tenuerunt ecclesiam de Lillechirche pro qua dedimus eis illam terram de Estdonilanda in escambium. Testibus T(heobaldo) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), R(oberto) episcopo Linc(olniensi), I(lario) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), W(illelmo) comite de Waren(na), Will(elmo) Mart(el), Ric(ardo) de Luci, W(illelmo) de Caisn(eto), Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Oxenford(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 15.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 35 (wrongly).
Date: As for **221**.

223. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–52, at Colchester)

Confirmation of the queen's gift of East Donyland (Essex) in exchange for the church of Lillechurch (Kent)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste et monachis de Colecestria escambium illud quod Matildis regina uxor mea illis dedit de Donilandis et de appendiciis suis omnibus pro ecclesia sua de Lillechirche. Et volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant et habeant inperpetuum prenominatum escambium ita bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete ab omnibus exactionibus et de scutagiis et de omni servitio militari et de omnibus aliis consuetudinibus sicut melius et liberius et quietius tenuerunt ecclesiam suam de Lillechirche. Testibus Hub(erto) de Sancto Claro, et Rog(er)o de Fraxin(eto), et Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud Colec(estriam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 34.
Date: After the queen's own charter (**221**) and before her death.

224. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–May 1152, at London)

The queen notifies Geoffrey de Tregoz that owing to an exchange made by her he has a new overlord in East Donyland (Ess.)

Matildis regina Angl(orum) Gaufrido de Tregoz salutem. Scias quod dedi escambium Henr(ico) de Merc de terra quam de illo tenes que pertinet ad Estdonilandam. Quare mando tibi quatinus amodo intendas abbati et monachis de Colecestria. Quod si facere nolueris, amodo de terra illa te non intromittas nec aliquis alius per te. Quare dedi illam abbati et

monachis de Colecestria in escambio pro ecclesia sua de Lillechirche. Teste Warin(o) de Lusoris. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 41.
Dunilanda (worth 12*d.*) belonged to Eustace Count of Boulogne (D.B. ii. 30) and Matilda is here acting as countess. The transaction is none the less noteworthy. Geoffrey is ordered to take a new lord or clear out, the order coming from his lord's lord. But Round refers to another (unspecified) charter whereby she compensated him 'de redditibus transmarinis ad suam voluntatem': Round, *F.E.* 464, n. 1.

225. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–52, at Colchester)

Geoffrey de Tregoz is now to hold his land at (East) Donyland (Ess.) from the abbey

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Gaufr(ido) de Tresgoz salutem. Precipio tibi quod amodo intendas monachis Colecestrie de pertinentia Doniland(e) quam tenuisti de Henrico de Merc, quia regina uxor mea dedit inde escambium eidem Henr(ico) in (*sic*) Merc. Et nisi feceris, tunc precipio tibi quod non intromittas te inde amplius quia Regina saisivit inde monachos. Teste R(ogero) de Frax(ineto). Apud Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 15.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 35.
Date: As for **223**; the holding in question was *Bluntessale.*

226. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–52, at Newport (Essex?))

The abbot to hold (East) Donyland (Ess.) in peace

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Rainaldo de Warenna salutem. Precipio tibi quod abbas et monachi de Colecestria teneant terram de Dunilanda cum pertinentiis suis quam habent in escambium ecclesie sue de Lillecherche ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut carta mea et carta regine uxoris mee et carta Eust(achii) filii mei eam illis testantur, ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia. Teste Ric(ardo) de Canvilla. Apud Neweport.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 35.
Date: After **221**.

227. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–54, at Colchester)

Grant of warren in East Donyland (Ess.)

Steph(an)us rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Essexa salutem. Concedo quod monachi de Colecestr(ia) habent warennam in terra sua de Donilandis. Et prohibeo quod nullus fuget in ea vel quicquam capiat nisi per illos super x libras forisfacture. Teste Rog(er)o de Fraxin(eto). Apud Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 10.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 22.
Date: No earlier than **221**.

228. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1139–54, at London)

To reseise the monks of ½ hide in Wickham Skeith (Suffolk)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Rad(ulfo) de Seccavilla salutem. Precipio tibi quod juste resaisias abbatem et monachos de Colec(estria) de dimidia hida terre in Wicham et duobus hominibus in eadem terra manentibus sicut inde melius saisiti fuerunt in tempore regis Henrici, et bene et in pace tenere permittas. Et nisi feceris Willelmus de Ipra faciet ne clamorem inde audiam pro recti penuria. T(este) Alex(andro) cl(er)ico. Apud London(iam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Charters Essex a. 4 (no. 84) (original, 6″ × 2″, in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 581), with tongue but no seal, very faded).
Printed: van Caenegem, no. 88.
Date: Wm. of Ypres in England from 1139.

229. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (*c.* 1148–52, at Colchester)

Confirmation of Robert de Sackville's gift of the manor of Wickham Skeith (Suff.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et vicecomit(i) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Suthf(olchie) salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Robertus de Sacavill(a) fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Colecestria et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de manerio suo de Wicham et de appendiciis suis. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant et habeant inperpetuum manerium illud cum omnibus appendiciis suis ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut Robertus de Saucovilla melius et liberius et quietius tenuit, et sicut ipsa ecclesia melius et liberius tenet alias possessiones suas. Testibus Hub(er)to de Sancto Claro, et Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto), et Fulcone de Oilli, et Jord(ano) de Saucovill(a). Aput Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 51.
Date: As for **223**. Robert's own charter is printed ibid. i. 131; the original is in Bodl. Lib., MS. Charters Essex a. 4 (no. 87).

229a. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1146–53, at Cambridge)

Count Eustace confirms Robert de Sackville's grant of Wickham Skeith (Suff.)

Comes Eustachius filius regis domino T(heobaldo) dei gratia Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quod Rob(er)t(us) de Saukevill(a) me presente et concedente devovit se ad serviendum deo in monachatu ad monasterium Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Colecestria, et secum dedit atque contradidit eidem monasterio Colecestrie in perhennem elemosinam manerium de Wicham ad opus monachorum qui inde serviant deo secundum possibilitatem et commoditatem ipsius manerii, cum consilio domini archiepiscopi Cantuariensis et episcoporum et cum voluntate ac manutenemento filiorum ipsius Rob(er)ti. Qui omnes cum suo patre concesserunt Sancto Johanni eandem elemosinam. Et ego pro amore dei et pro salute mea et omnium meorum concedo et confirmo eandem donationem predicti manerii monachis Colecestr(ensis) monasterii ita bene et plene sicut predictus Rob(ertus) unquam melius et plenius tenuit sine omni terreno servitio et cum omnimoda libertate et sicut ecclesia Sancti Johannis liberius tenet suas alias possessiones. Testibus Comitissa Constanc(ia) et aliis. Apud Cantebr(igiam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 51.
Date: While Eustace was count.

230. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1152–3, at London)

Grant to Robert (de Sackville) the monk of his hermitage at Writtle (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et forestariis et ministris et fidelibus suis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis quia pro salute anime mee et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et Matildis regine uxoris mee dedi et concessi in elemosinam huic Roberto monacho in foresta mea de Writela heremitagium suum quod fecit sicut clausum et magnum fossatum suum vadit et nominatim versus aquilonem. Et habeat in foresta illa quicquid ei opus fuerit ad domos suas faciendas et ad ignem suum et pasturam ad animalia sua et clausturam suam mensurabiliter. Quare volo et precipio quod ipse et omnia sua habeant meam firmam pacem sicut elemosina mea. T(estibus) H(enrico) de Essex(a), et Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto). Aput Lond(oniam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 52; Morant, *Essex*, ii. 68.
Date: After the death of the queen (3 May 1152) and before **232**.

231. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (*c.* 1152–4, at Writtle)

Robert (de Sackville) the monk is in the king's protection

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et ministris et forestariis suis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis quod frater Robertus monachus qui habitat in bosco meo de Writela et omnia sua sunt in mea custodia et protectione sicut elemosina mea dominica. Quare precipio quod faciatis eum tenere heremitagium suum sicut fossatum et clausum vadit bene et in pace et quiete sicut elemosinam meam dominicam. Nec patiamini quod aliquis super hoc eum in aliquo inquietet neque injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Quod si aliquis fecerit plenariam justitiam ei faciatis, ne inde clamorem audiam pro plene justitie penuria. Teste W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Writela(m).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 52.
Date: No earlier than **230.**

232. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1153, at Wallingford *in obsidione*)

Announcement that the king has given Robert's hermitage to St. John's Colchester

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicec(omiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria et monachis ibidem deo servientibus heremitagium quod fuit Roberti heremite in foresta de Writela cum terris et pertinentiis ejus. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi illud heremitagium et pertinentias ejus bene et in pace libere et quiete teneant et in perpetuam elemosinam possideant, sicut predictus Rob(ertus) heremita illud melius tenuit, et sicut carta mea testatur, quam idem Robertus inde habuit. Testibus Henr(ico) de Essex(a), Ric(ardo) de Luci, W(illelmo) Mart(el), Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Warengeford in obsidione.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, * St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 53.
Date: Since this must be after **230**, the siege would be that of 1153.

233. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–54, at Eye)

Protection for the abbey's land at Higham nr. Hadleigh (Suff.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) H. et ministris suis salutem. Precipio vobis quod permittatis terram et homines monachorum de Colecestria de Hecham esse bene et in pace de tenseriis et operationibus et omnibus aliis rebus, ne super hoc illos in aliquo infestetis, neque inde quicquam capiatis vel forisfaciatis. Teste W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Eyam.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 33.

234. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–53, at Ipswich)

Confirmation of the abbey's land at Higham nr. Hadleigh (Suff.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwicensi et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sudfolc salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Johannis Baptiste Colecestrie et monachi ibidem deo servientes teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam terram de Hecham que fuit Ide uxoris Radulfi de Marci liberam et quietam ab omni seculari ex[actione][1] sicut illam eis dedi et concessi per cartam meam dum comes fui et sicut carta illa eis testatur. Testibus Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Rob(erto) de Salcovilla. Apud Gipeswic(um).

[1] *MS.* expeditione

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 33.
Date: Robert de Sackville had become a monk by 1153 (see **229**). He may probably be identified with Robert *dapifer* of the English county of Boulogne (*Colchester Cart.* i. 48, 49).

235. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–52, at Colchester)

Another confirmation of the abbey's land at Higham (Suff.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Sudfolc salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam Ida uxor Rad(ulfi) de Marci fecit ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Colecestria et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de terra de Hecham. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice teneant solutam et quietam [ab] omni seculari exactione et servitio et nominatim quietam de danegeldis et omnibus geldis et placitis et consuetudinibus corone mee pertinentibus. Testibus Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Rob(erto) de Saucavilla, et H(enrico) de Essex(a). Apud Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 14.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 33.
Date: Before Robert de Sackville became a monk. See **234**.

236. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–54, at Colchester)

The monks to have warren in Weeley and Brightlingsea (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Essexa salutem. Precipio quod monachi Colecestrie habeant warennam in terra sua de Wilega et de Brithlingeseye, et teneant illam bene et in pace. Et nullus fuget in ea sine licentia eorum super x libras forisfacture. Teste Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto). Apud Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 32.
Date: Cf. **227**.

237. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1148–54, at London)

Confirmation of gifts by Hubert de St. Clare in Greenstead and Lexden (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus de Essex(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Hub(er)tus de Sancto Claro fecit ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de terra de Grenesteda et de molendino de Lexedena. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi terram illam et molendinum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni seculari servitio cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad ea pertinentibus, sicut predictus Hub(er)tus illa eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Henrico de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 53.
Date: Hubert had not succeeded to his uncle's lands by 1148 (ibid. i. 122).

238. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1136–54, at Colchester)

Confirmation of the gift of Roger de Buissei at Barton (Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Oxenefordscir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Rogerus de Buissei fecit monachis Sancti Johannis de Colecestria de una virgata terre in Bertune in elemosinam. Quare volo et precipio quod illi monachi terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam de omni seculari servitio sicut idem Rog(erus) eam illis dedit et concessit. Teste etc. (*sic*). Aput Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 22.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 54.

239. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (17 Aug. 1153–25 Oct. 1154, at Westminster)

The double-hundred of Tendring (Ess.) to be quit of forest pleas and assarts

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et forestariis et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quieta ii hundreda de Tendringes, pro amore dei et pro anima Henrici regis et Eustachii filii mei et salute anime mee, de essartis et placitis forestarum et essartorum inperpetuum. Quare volo et precipio quod omnes homines de eisdem hundredis sint quieti de essartis et placitis forestarum et essartorum inperpetuum, neque amplius inde ponantur in placitum. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ric(ardo) de Canv(illa). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 13.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 32.
Date: After Eustace's death.

239a. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (probably *c.* 1153–4, at Woodstock)

The hundred of Tendring (Ess.) to be quit of assarts and forest pleas

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciis vicecomitibus et forestariis et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essex(a) salutem. Sciatis quod pro dei amore et pro anima regis Henrici et omnium antecessorum meorum et omnium fidelium clamavi quietum hundredum de Tendryngge de assartis et placitis forestarum imperpetuum. Quare volo et precipio quod omnes homines de eisdem hundredis sint quieti imperpetuum de foresta, placitis ferarum, et placitis forestarum. Testibus Ricardo de Lucy, et Ricardo de Caumvill'. Apud Wodestok'.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 32/16, m. 10d.
Date: Probably close to that of **239.** Cf. **566.**

239b. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1135–May 1152, at Westminster)

The queen confirms gifts to St. John's Colchester in Tey (Ess.)

Matildis dei gratia regina Angl(orum) ministris suis et hominibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Teia salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Colecestria illas donationes et conventiones quas Turgisus filius Hardechini eidem ecclesie et monachis ejusdem loci fecit de terra sua que ad Teiam pertinet. Quapropter volo et precipio quod ipsi monachi bene et in pace et honorifice teneant sicut predictus Turgisus vel aliquis antecessorum suorum melius et honorificentius tenuit et eodem servitio. Testibus Rad(ulfo) canc(ellario), et Adam de Belnai, et Aluredo de Silincurt. Apud Westmonast-(erium).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 15.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 36.
Tey was part of the honor of Boulogne, the queen's patrimony.

239c. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1135–54, at Colchester)

The monks to hold their lands in Tey (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Walt(ero) filio Rob(er)ti salutem. Mando tibi et precipio quod permittas monachos Sancti Johannis Colecestrie tenere terram suam de Teya ita bene et in pace et quiete sicut Turgisus filius Hardekin, vel Hardekin pater ejus, eam unquam melius et quietius tenuerunt et eodem servitio, ne super hoc inquietentur inde neque ponantur in novam vel injustam consuetudinem, et sicut carta regine testatur quam inde habent. Et nisi feceris Ric(ardus) de Luci faciat fieri etc. Teste W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Colecestr(iam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 21.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 54.

239d. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (1135–May 1152, at Colchester)

The queen commands Malcolm de St. Liz and Walter his son to reseise the monks of Colchester of their land in Tey (Ess.)

Matildis dei gratia regina Angl(orum) M(alcolmo) de Sancto Liz et Walt(er)o filio ejus et hominibus suis salutem. Miror multum quod dissaisire fecistis ecclesiam Sancti Johannis Colecestrie et monachos ejusdem loci de tenemento suo de Teia quod ego eis dedi ad tenendum in capite, et precipue desicut audistis cartam meam quam eis de hoc tenemento feci. Quamobrem mando vobis et precipio quatinus eos sine occasione et omni gravedine resaisiatis et pro mei amore de melius tenere permittatis. Testibus Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Warner(o) de Lusur(is). Apud Colec(estriam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 15.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 37.

239e. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (Christmas 1146–Aug. 1153)

Count Eustace commands Baldwin de Builli to let the abbey have its land at Tey (Ess.)

Eustachius comes Bolonie Bald(ewino) de Buill(i) et ministris suis de Teia salutem. Mando tibi et firmiter precipio quod permittas monachos Sancti Johannis de Colecestria tenere terram suam de Teia bene et in pace et quiete de omnibus rebus scilicet alimotis et querelis et placitis preter illos xiii solidos quos ipsa predicta terra debebat tempore regis Henrici et matris mee et postea, ne aliquis super hoc injuriam vel contumeliam eis inde faciat. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Luci, et S(tephano) de Sakevilla.

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 15.
Printed: *Colchester Cart.* i. 38 (wrongly).
Date: While Eustace was count.

239f. Colchester, St. John's Abbey (Dec. 1153–April 1154, at London)

Duke Henry protects the abbey's possessions

Henr(icus) dux Norm(anorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Hug(oni) de Bellocampo et Walt(er)o de Waella et omnibus fidelibus suis et amicis salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quatinus sicut me diligitis omnes possessiones et res abbatis et monachorum Sancti Johannis de Colecestr(ia) ubicumque fuerunt in potestate vestra protegatis et custodiatis tamquam meas proprias, et illos et homines suos juste ab omnibus quos poteritis defendatis, ne quis illis injuriam vel molestiam faciat. Volo enim ut jura sua omnia bene et in pace teneant sicut umquam melius tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis. T(este) Will(elmo) cancell(ari)o. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Colchester Borough Muniments, *St. John's Cart., p. 16.
Printed: Colchester Cart. i. 40 (wrongly).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in London.

240. Colchester, Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen (1136–52, at Pleshey, Essex)

Grant of fourteen acres rent free

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa, salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et puerorum meorum infirmis Colecestrie xiiii acras terre in perpetuam elemosinam unde solebant per annum reddere iii sol(idos) et v d(enarios) ad firmam Colecestr(ie). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant ab omni seculari exactione sicut elemosinam meam dominicam. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de V(er), et Walchel(in) Visdelu (*sic*), et Warn(er)o de Lusor(iis). Apud Plaisseic.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 10 Ed. III, no. 46.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iv. 356.
Date: Before the death of the queen.

241. Colne Priory (1147–53, at Norwich)

Confirmation of a gift made by Adam fitz Warin

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) E(ustachio) filio suo et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo in perpetuum deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Colun et monachis ibi deo servientibus donationem illam quam Adam filius Warini eis fecit de d(ominio) (su)o de Colun quod est juxta aquam. Quare volo et precipio quod illud bene et in pace teneant sicut Adam illud dedit et concessit. T(estibus) R(oberto) de Ver, et Ricardo de Canvill(a). Apud Norwic(um).

MSS.: Essex Record Office D/D Pr. 149, f. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 5860, f. 219.
Printed: **Cart. de Colne* (ed. J. L. Fisher) no. 6.
Date: While Eustace was alive and Count of Boulogne.

242. Colne Priory (1153–4, at Woodstock)

Confirmation of land in Ickleton (Cambs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) comiti Willelmo filio suo archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetua elemosina divisionem illam et donationem quam fecit Eufemia comitissa moritura de suo libero maritagio deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Colun et monachis ibi deo servientibus, scilicet centum solidatas terre in [I]clintuna libere et quiete ab omni seculari servitio pro anima Matildis regine et comitis Eustachii filii mei et pro salute anime mee et omnium an(tecessorum) meorum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia Sancte Marie de Colun istas centum solidatas terre habeat et in inperpetuum possideat libere et quiete in omnibus rebus. T(estibus) Ricardo de Luci, et Ricardo de Canvill(a), Roberto Steff(ani). Apud Wudestoc.

MSS.: Essex Record Office D/D Pr. 149, f. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 5860, f. 219.
Printed: **Cart. de Colne*, no. 5.
Date: After the death of Eustace (17 Aug. 1153). The whole of Ickleton (worth £100) had been given to Geoffrey de Mandeville in 1141 (**276**); in 1086 it was part of the honor of Boulogne (D.B. 1. 196).
See also **9** and **14**.

243. Cornhill, Gervase de (1136–47, at London)

The queen mortgages 10 marks' worth of land at Gamlingay (Cambs.)

M(atildis) regina Angl(orum) omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quod dedi Gervasio justic(ie) de Lond(onia) x marcatas terre in villa de Gamelingeia pro servitio suo. Et quod superest de eadem villa p(re)t(er) x marcatas terre predictas concessi ei libere et quiete, tenendum donec ei persolvam debitum quod ei debeo, ut infra illum terminum habeat profitua que exibunt de villa predicta. Et quando ego reddidero ei vel heredibus suis debitum suum, habeant ipsi stauramenta que ipsi posuerint super terram meam. T(estibus) Com(ite) Sim(one), et Ric(ardo) de Bolon(ia), et Sim(one) de Gerardmol(endino), et Warn(er)o de Lusor(is). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/22 (original, $4\frac{3}{5}'' \times 3''$, written in hand of *scriptor* xxii (*ex. inf.* T.A.M.B.), tongue and seal missing).
Printed: Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, 120 (extracts).
Date: Round, loc. cit., assumes the date to be *c.* June 1141 and the charter to have been issued by the queen as regent while Stephen was in captivity. In fact Gamlingay belonged to the queen in her own right, having passed from Eudo Dapifer who held it in 1086 (D.B. i. 197^{v}) to Eustace of Boulogne, the queen's father (J. H. Round, *Studies in Peerage and Family History*, 164). Once it is granted that the charter has no necessary connexion with Stephen's captivity, its date-limits widen; Earl Simon was first styled earl in 1136, and Richard of Boulogne was dead by 1147.

244. Cornhill, Gervase of (1139–54, at London)

Leave to hold Berkesdon (in Aspenden) by the service of half a knight, to be rendered annually in money

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo quod

Gervasius de Cornhilla civis meus Lond(onie) teneat Berchesdena(m) que est de feodo comitis Eust(achii) per servitium dimidii militis sicut Hub(ertus) cam(erarius) regine et Ric(ardus) filius suus de quorum feodo terra illa est illam ei concesserunt, scilicet quod Gervasius faciet ei servitium illud apud Lond(oniam) in denar(iis), convenienti summonitione. Et si Hub(ertus) vel Ric(ardus) filius suus eum inde implacitare voluerint de aliquo, apud Lond(oniam) eum implacitare debent et non alibi. Et volo et precipio quod idem Gerv(asius) teneat terram illam bene et in pace sicut conventio est inter eos. Testibus W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/5420 (original, $5\frac{9}{10}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 450), with two fragments of Stephen's second seal in white wax on tongue).
Printed: *Catalogue of Ancient Deeds*, iii. 177 (abstract).
Date: Second seal, and also Richard de Luci.

245. Coutances, Cath. and See (1144–50, at Saint-Lô)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the verdict of six jurors that Robert fitz Neal held his rights in the churches of Cherbourg and Tourlaville (Manche) from the bishop

[G] dux Normannie et comes Andegavie H(ugoni) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis Normannie, baronibus, justiciis, et omnibus suis fidelibus, salutem. Notum sit vobis atque omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod in tempore meo et Algari Const(anciensis) episcopi fuit juramento comprobatum per meum preceptum in assisia mea apud Valonias quod Robertus[1] filius Nigelli et omnes predecessores sui ab Algaro Constanciensi et aliis predecessoribus suis Constanc(iensibus) episcopis tenuerant quicquid in ecclesiis de Cesariburgo et Torlavilla et in omnibus possessionibus ad illas ecclesias pertinentibus habuerant. Hoc vero juraverunt Ricardus de Wauvilla, Willelmus monachus, Willelmus de Sancto Germano, Willelmus de Bricquevilla, Ricardus de Martinvast, Rob(ertus) de Valonis. Quare ego concedo quod hoc secundum illorum juramentum ratum sit et perpetuo teneatur. Testes vero hujus concessionis sunt R(icardus) cancellarius, Willelmus de Vernon, Engelg(erus) de Bouhon, Alexander de Bouhon, Jordanus Taysson, Robertus de Novo [Burgo], Robertus de Corceio, Joisfredus[2] de Tur(onibus), G(aufredus) de Cleer, P(ipinus) de Tur(onibus). Apud Sanctum Laudum.

[1] *MS.* vob' [2] *recte* Goslenus

MS.: Cartulary B of the Cathedral of Coutances (destroyed), p. 350, no. 286.
Printed: *Haskins, 220, no. 95; *Am. Hist. Rev.*, viii. 60; Bigelow, *History of Procedure*, 367, n. 9 (wrongly ascribed to Henry II); Dupont, *Histoire du Cotentin*, i. 466 (wrongly ascribed to William I); *C.D.F.*, no. 960 (cal.).
Date: While Geoffrey was Duke of Normandy.
Note: The cartulary was moved from Coutances to Saint-Lô after 1902, and was destroyed in 1944.

246. Coventry Cathedral Priory (1145–53, at Oxford)

General confirmation, with special reference to Southam, Bishop's Itchington, Chadshunt, and Ufton (Warws.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Coventrea et Laurencio priori et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes terras et teneuras quas eadem ecclesia habuit tempore regis Edwardi et tempore regis Willelmi avi mei in dominiis et aliis teneuris, et nominatim illas quas noviter recuperaverunt precepto Eugenii pape, scilicet Sudham et Ichentonam et Chedelesfont et Ulehtonam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et prior et monachi omnes terras predictas et teneuras suas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant tam noviter recuperatas quam antiquitus habitas in bosco et plano et in pratis et pascuis et stagnis et aquis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis pertinentiis cum soca et saca, toll et team et infangentheof et cum omnibus libertatibus eisdem terris pertinentibus cum quibus Lefwinus illas melius tenuit tempore regis Edwardi et regis Willelmi avi mei et

sicut carte predecessorum meorum regum Anglorum testantur. Testibus Comite Simone, et Baldrico de Sigillo, et Hugone capellano, et Willelmo Martel, et Ricardo de Canvill(a). Apud Oxenfordiam.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 22 Ed. III, m. 5; B.M. Add. MS. 32100, f. 116.
Printed: **C.C.R.* v. 99.
Date: Eugenius III cons. pope 18 Feb. 1145. Earl Simon d. Aug. 1153.

247. Coxford Priory (Rudham) (1135–44)

Confirmation of William Chesney's gifts, particularly the land in Stanhoe (Norf.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et baron(ibus) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolc(ia) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie[1] Sancte Marie de Rudham et canonicis in ecclesia illa deo servientibus omnes terras et omnes res quas Willelmus de Cayni eis dedit in elemosinam vel daturus est et legat(urus) vel aliquis alius, et nominatim terram illam quam dedi eidem Willelmo in Stanhoe sicut idem Willelmus eis dedit et concessit et per cartam suam confirmavit. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant sicut Willelmus eisdem dedit et concessit, cum omnibus rebus et libertatibus et quietanciis que ad terras illas pertinent. Test(ibus) etc.

[1] *N omits* ecclesie

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 47784, f. 4; Norwich Dioc. Reg., Coxford Cart., f. 2v.
Date: The land in Stanhoe (*terram de Stanhoh*) is among the gifts of William Chesney to Rudham which were confirmed by Lucius II in a bull dated 4 April 1144 (ibid., f. 3); the prior of Rudham was then Mathew, the illegitimate son of Ralph son of Ralph Chesney. The cartulary makes it absolutely clear that the William de Chesney in question was the son of Ralph de Chesney (*fl.* 1066) and uncle of John Chesney who refounded the priory in 1158.

248. Coxford Priory (Rudham) (1135–52, probably early in the period)

Quitclaim of 12d. danegeld from the land at Stanhoe (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norfolc(ia) salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietam ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Rudeham et canonicos in ea deo servientes de xii denariis daneg(eldi) de terra sua de Stanhoga[1] quam tenent de elemosina mea imperpetuum pro salute mea et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et canonici inde imperpetuum quieti sint, ne super hoc aliquis ab eis illud requirat. Test(ibus) etc.

[1] *N* Stanloga

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 47784, f. 4v; Norwich Dioc. Reg., Coxford Cart., f. 2v.
Date: Before the death of the queen, and possibly before the king's sons could be considered men.

249. Crowland Abbey (1136–52, at Stamford)

General confirmation, with a statement of the abbey's boundaries

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis[1] totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancti Guthlaci de Croylandia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes terras et tenuras et possessiones alias ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentes, et nominatim mariscum in quo sita est predicta ecclesia cum limitibus suis nominatis qui sic tenduntur: de Croilande usque ad Asendike, et sic usque ad Asenwik, et sic per Shephe ad Tedwarthar, et inde usque [ad] Namannesland, et sic per aliam partem aque de Neen usque ad Fynfett, et sic usque ad Greines, et ita ad Folkwoldstathing(e), et inde sicut Sudlak cadit in aquam de Weland; et sic ex altera parte aque usque ad Aispad, et inde usque Werwarlak(e), et sic usque ad Harnhold, et sic sursum per aquam ad Meyngerlak(e), et inde sicut Apenhold cadit in Weland. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et abbas et monachi teneant et in perpetuum possideant quicquid continetur infra has

[1] *MS. adds* et Anglicis

metas, et omnes alias terras et tenuras et possessiones suas, bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete, in bosco et in plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et mariscis, in vivariis et piscariis, in molendinis et stagnis, et in omnibus aliis rebus et locis, cum saca et socna et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus et quietationibus, cum quibus aliqua ecclesia regni mei melius et liberius et quietius tenet. Testibus M(atilde) regina, et com(ite) Sim(one), et Bald(wino) fil(io) Gisl(eberti), et Adam de Beln(aco), et Ricard(o) de Canvill(a). Apud Stannford.

MSS.: Spalding, Gentlemen's Soc., *Crowland Cart., f. 24, and f. 25 (much abbreviated).
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 120 (incorrectly).
Date: Before the death of the queen.

250. Crowland Abbey (1146–54, at Lincoln)

Freedom from tolls etc.

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes res monachorum de Croiland(ia) quas homines sui affidare poterunt esse suas proprias, sint quieti de theolon(eo) et passagio et omni consuetudine, ne super hoc injuste disturbentur super x libras forisfacture. Teste Ric(ardo) de Camvill(a). Apud Lincoln(iam).

MSS.: Spalding, Gentlemen's Soc., *Crowland Cart., f. 26^{v}; P.R.O. Chart. R. 35 Ed. I, m. 4.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 101.
Date: Richard de Camville was associated with Lincoln in the later part of the reign. Stephen did not hold Lincoln between 2 Feb. 1141 and 1146.

251. Crowland Abbey (Aug. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Romford)

Exemption of 13½ hides of land from danegeld, hidage and murdrum, etc.

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo de Ely et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Cantebriggeshira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et donasse ecclesie Sancti Gutlaci et monachis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quietanciam de danegeld et de hidagio et de mudre (*sic*) et de omni seculari consuetudine et exactione xiii^{cim} hidarum et dimidie hide terre in Cantebersira, scilicet in Coteham v hidarum et dimidie, et in Hokintuna iii hidarum, et in Dreituna v hidarum pro salute mea et puerorum meorum, et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei, et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Anglorum, et pro anima Matill(idis) regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei, et pro animabus omnium fidelium. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi in eadem deo servientes predictas xiii hidas et dimidiam hidam bene et in pace, libere et quiete, teneant quietas de omni seculari consuetudine et exactione imperpetuum, sicut eis concedo et hac presenti carta confirmo. Testibus Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Lucy, et Warn(ero) de Lusoriis, et Rob(er)to de Valdari, et Ric(ardo) de Batha. Apud Ru(m)ford.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 35 Ed. I, m. 4.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 120 (no. xxii) (incomplete); *C.C.R.* iii. 101 (no. 3).
Date: Apparently after the deaths of the queen (3 May 1152) and Eustace (17 Aug. 1153).

252. Crowland Abbey (1136–54, at Northampton)

Grant of an annual six-days days' fair at Crowland (Lincs.)

Steph(anu)s rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et justiciar(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Concedo monachis de Croilandia ut singulis annis habeant feriam sex dierum ad festum Sancti Bartholomei apud Croiland(iam), scilicet tribus diebus ante festum et tribus diebus post festum. Et precipio quod omnes illuc venientes et inde commorantes et inde redientes habeant meam firmam pacem. Et prohibeo quod nullus disturbet eos vel res suas injuste super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) etc. Apud Norhampton(am).

MS.: Spalding, Gentlemen's Soc., *Crowland Cart., f. 25^{v}.

253. Devizes (Apr.–Sept. 1141, at Reading)

The empress grants the burghers quittance from toll and a firm peace for their market

Matildis imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Concedo burgensibus meis de Divisis quod pro servitio suo sint quieti de thelonco et passagio et lestagio et omni alia consuetudine per totam terram meam et per portus maris. Et volo et precipio quod ipsi et homines sui et omnia mercata sua meam firmam pacem habeant. Et super hoc nemo eos usquam (*sic*) injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(este) ep(iscop)o de Ely. Apud Rading(as).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 45 Ed. III, m. 3; Devizes Borough MSS. (a book of translations of charters in a seventeenth- or eighteenth-century hand).
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 217.
Date: Matilda was styled empress from April 7/8 1141. She does not seem to have held Reading after 1141, and could hardly have been there after the siege and rout of Winchester.

254. Dorchester Abbey (*c.* 1141–2 (?))

Reference to a grant by the Empress Matilda of the church of Benson (Oxon.) to the abbey of St. Peter of Dorchester (Oxon.)

Printed: *Calendarium Rotuloram Chartarum* (Rec. Comm.) i. 150. (Charter of King John renewing the grant *sicut carta Matildis Imperatricis avie nostre.*) No text of her charter available.

Drownfont, *see* Stanley Abbey.

255. Durham Cath. and See (Feb. 1136 or Jan.–Feb. 1138, at Durham)

General protection

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus justiciariis baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris totius regni Anglie salutem. Precipio et defendo ne monachi Sancti Cutb(er)ti vel homines sui placitent ullo modo nec respondeant de terris vel hominibus vel consuetudinibus aut de re ulla unde essent saisiti die qua Willelmus Dunelmensis episcopus fuit vivus et mortuus vel die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Sed ita bene et in pace et quiete et libere teneant cum soca et saca et thol et theam et infangeneth(eof) et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus infra burgum et extra omnes res suas sicut melius et quietius tenuerunt die qua predictus Willelmus episcopus fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et si de ulla re post mortem illorum sunt dissaisiti, precipio quod sine dilatione sint resaisiti. Et si aliquis eos dissaisierit aut aliquam injuriam eis amodo fecerit super bre(ve) meum et super br(eve) regis Henrici qui hoc idem precepit, volo sciatis quod pacem meam super illos infregerit et mihi fracturam pacis mee emendabit, quoniam hec omnia in elemosinam perpetuam concessi. T(estibus) R(ogero) canc(ellario), et W(altero) Espec, Will(elm)o Maled(octo), et Rob(erto) Musard. Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: Durham D. and C. *1. 1. Reg. 13 (original, $7\frac{7}{10}'' \times 4\frac{1}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 150), with Stephen's first seal in white wax on a tongue). Transcript in Cartulary i, f. 47v.
Printed: Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Script. Tres*, Appendix, p. xxxiii (no. xxvi); Birch, 'Stephen', p. 8 (no. 7).
Date: Before June 1139 because of the first seal, and therefore presumably Feb. 1136 or Jan.–Feb. 1138 when Stephen was at Durham. The reference to Bishop William is therefore to William St. Carilef (d. 1096) (and not to William de Ste Barbe, d. 13 Nov. 1152). The text is almost identical with that of a writ of Henry I (*Regesta*, ii. 767 = xxxvii), and one would therefore expect this one to have been copied from it. But whereas this one is in the hand of a royal scribe (*scriptor* xiv), Henry I's writ (T.A.M.B., no. 159) is in an unidentified hand.

256. Durham Cath. and See (Feb. 1136 or Jan.–Feb. 1138, at Durham)

Confirmation of lands in Notts., and of Normanton in particular

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eborac(ensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(e-comiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Notingehamscira salutem.

Sciatis me concessisse in elem(osinam) monachis Sancti Cuthberti Dunelmensis omnes terras et molendina et omnes res suas de Notingehamscira de quocunque eas teneant, et nominatim ii carrucatas terre in Normantona quas dirationaverunt in curia regis Henrici versus Fulconem de Lusoris, sicut eas melius habuerunt melius tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant cum soca et sacha et tol et theam et infangenehtheof (*sic*) et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici. Et de predictis ii carrucatis terre reddant iiii s(olidos) per annum, et nichil plus inde faciant, sicut hoc dirationatum fuit. T(estibus) canc(ellario), et W(altero) Esp(ec), et Rob(erto) Musard. Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: Durham D. and C. *1. 1. Reg. 14 (original, $7\frac{3}{16}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 151), with first seal in white wax, originally on tongue but now detached). Copies in Cartulary iii, f. 106 and (incomplete) Cart. Vetus, f. 50.

Printed: Birch, 'Stephen', p. 10 (no. 8).

Date: Witnesses and scribe as in **255**. This again repeats a writ of Henry I (*Regesta*, ii. 660), though this time that writ is in an identified hand (*scriptor* v, T.A.M.B., no. 160).

257. Durham Cath. and See (Feb. 1136 or Jan.–Feb. 1138, at Durham)

Restoring Hetherslaw (in Ford, Northumberland)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Rain(aldo) de Muscampis et O. sorori ejus salutem. Precipio quod ita bene et plene reddatis Sancto Cudberto terram suam de Hadereslawe sicut Thomas de Muscampis frater vester, cujus heredes estis, eam Sancto Cudberto dedit in vita sua et super altare obtulit quando monachus ejus devenit. Et nisi feceritis Eust(achius) filius Joh(ann)is faciat, ne inde audiam clamorem, quia nolo quod Sanctus Cudbertus quicquam perdat de jure suo. T(este) W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: Durham D. and C. *1. 1. Reg. 15 (original, $5\frac{1}{5}'' \times 2\frac{4}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 152), with tongue but no seal). Copy in Cartulary iii, f. 206^{v}.

Printed: Raine, *N. Durham*, Appendix, p. 141; Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, i, pl. i, p. cxxvi; Bishop, *Scriptores Regis*, pl. xvii (a) (facs.).

Date: Stephen arrested Eustace fitz John towards the end of his visit to Durham in Jan.–Feb. 1138. Thus though a date in 1138 is possible, 1136 is more likely.

258. Durham Cath. and See (20 Dec. 1153–25 Oct. 1154, at London)

Grant of the mine of Weardale to Bishop Hugh

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eboraciscir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Hug(oni) de Puisato nepoti meo episcopo Dunelm(ensi) minariam de Werredala ut faciat in ea operari quantum voluerit. Quare volo et precipio quod eam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et operari in illa faciat, ne super hoc aliquis eum vel suos inde disturbet. T(estibus) Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Durham D. and C. *1. 1. Reg. 16 (original, $6\frac{3}{16}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (no. 153), with tongue and (detached) small portion of the reverse of Stephen's second seal). Copies in Cartulary ii, f. 98^{v} and Cartulary iii, f. 207.

Printed: Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, i, pl. i, p. cxxvi (incorrectly); Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Script. Tres*, Appendix, p. xxxiii, no. xxvii; Birch, 'Stephen', p. 27, no. 19; Bishop, *Scriptores Regis*, pl. xxii(b) (facs.).

Date: Hugh Pudsey was elected 22 Jan. and consecrated 20 Dec. 1153.

259. Durnford, William de (1141–Feb. 1148, at Devizes; most probably 1141)

Confirmation of the grant of Deerhurst (Glos.) to William de Durnford

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Will(elm)o de Derneford manerium de Derherst sicut G(er)vasius abbas et capitulum Westm(onasterii) illud ei

concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. T(estibus) com(ite) Gloe(cestrie), et com(ite) Reginald(o), et Gregori(o) clerico, et Rob(er)to de Dunestavill(a). Apud Divisas.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *'Domesday', f. 317.

Date: While Matilda was at Devizes, but if the abbot was in any way responsible for getting the charter, 1141 is likely. The manor was granted to Gervase in fee-farm for 30 silver pounds p.a.

260. Ely Cath. and See (1136–40, at Reading)

To restore to the monks their custom of herrings from Dunwich (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) preposito de Dunewich(a) salutem. Redde festinanter monachis de Ely allecia sua que homines de Dunewi(cha) eis debent de consuetudine sua. Et plenam justiciam eis inde facias, et de conductu similiter, ne quicquam amittant pro penuria justicie. T(este) R(oberto) de V(ere). Apud Rading(as).

MS.: Ely D. and C., *charter 8 B (original, 7½″×2¾″, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv, or Peter the scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 195), with stub of tongue but no seal).

Date: If T.A.M.B. is right, *scriptor* xiv went over to the empress in 1141.

261. Ely Cath. and See (June 1139–Spring 1140, at Cambridge)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie de Ely omnes terras et possessiones ad eam pertinentes, *et volo et precipio ut* ipsa *ecclesia Elyensis habeat honorifice et libere et quiete omnes consuetudines suas infra burgum et extra in terra et in aqua et in paludibus et in plano et in bosco, videlicet in sach(am) et socham et tol et team et in infangenethef et hamsocna et grithbrige et fithwite et ferdwite et omnes alias forisfacturas emendabiles sicut melius habuit die qua Ædwardus rex fuit vivus et mortuus et sicut dirationatum fuit in tempore* avi *mei* Willelmi magni *apud Keneteford coram baronibus* suis *Walchelino episcopo et Gaufrido episcopo Constantiensi et Baldewino abbate Sancti Eadmundi et Yvo(ne) Taillebois et Petro de Valoniis et testimonio plurium scirarum. Et sciatis* quod *non sum guarand quod aliquis ponat calumpniam in his predictis consuetudinibus.* T(estibus) Philippo cancellario, Willelmo de Ypro, Willelmo Martel. Apud Cantebrige.

MSS.: Ely D. and C., Lib. Eliens., f. 129ᵛ, Lib. M, p. 81; Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 81; B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34.

Printed: *Blake, *L.E.* 288.

Date: While Philip was chancellor. Round suggests mid-Lent 1140 (*E.H.R.* viii. 518). Passages in italics from Henry I's charter, *Regesta*, ii, no. 1048 (cf. *Regesta*, i, no. 129), printed in Blake 250.

262. Ely Cath. and See (June 1139–March 1140, at Cambridge)

Confirmation of all the property and tenures of the monks of Ely

Steph(anus) rex Ang[lorum et d]ux Normannorum [o]mnibus comitibus et baronibus et vicecomitibus et justiciis et [ministris omniu]m locorum in q[uibus] monachi de Heli habent teneuras suas, et omnibus fidelibus [suis] Francis et Anglis totius [An]glie, salutem. Sciatis quod concedo monachis de Heli omnes res et te[neu]ras suas ubicunque eas ha[bent] ita liberas et quietas sicut umquam melius et honorabilius et liberius in tem[p]ore alicujus regis vel episcopi eas [t]enuerunt, cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas carte ecclesie confirmant et testificantur. Et precipio [quod] si quis aliquid de rebus eorum violenter et injuste acceperit, cito reddatur, vel ille qui acceperit si noluerit reddere, vos eum mittatis per plegium donec et ego rectum meum habeam de tali [for]isfactura et monachis restituantur sua. Testibus Philippo cancell(ario), et comite de Guarenn(a), et W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Cantebr(ugiam).

MSS.: Ely D. and C., *charter 7 (original, 9½″×3½″, in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 193) and no tongue or seal). Copies in B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34; Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 86ᵛ; P.R.O. Chart. R. 11 Ed. III, m. 2.

Printed: *C.C.R.* iv. 434; Blake, *L.E.* 315.

Date: While Philip was chancellor.

263. Ely Cath. and See (1140, at [Little] Hereford)

To restore to the monks their lands and possessions

Stephanus rex Anglorum Gaufrido de Mannavilla salutem. Precipio quod ita plene facias habere priori de Ely et monachis omnes terras suas et homines et omnes consuetudines ita bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie in omnibus rebus sicut tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua episcopus Nigellus exivit de Ely, ita ne quicquam perdant pro penuria justicie. Test(e) T(urgisio) de Alb(rincis). Apud Hereford.

MSS.: Ely D. and C., *Lib. Eliens., f. 147; B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34; Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 87.
Printed: Blake, *L.E.* 319.
Date: Nigel fled from Ely *c.* midwinter 1139 and Geoffrey de Mandeville was probably an earl by the end of 1140. Stephen was at Little Hereford in spring or early summer 1140 (John Worc. 60), and it is unnecessary to emend (as Round does) to Hertford.

264. Ely Cath. and See (1140, at Oxford)

To restore the monks their 'farm'

Stephanus rex Anglorum Hugoni de Eschal(ariis)[1] et Stephano nepoti suo salutem. Precipio vobis quod cito reddatis monachis de Ely firmam suam ita bene et plene sicut faciebatis priusquam caperem insulam de Ely, vel reddatis eis feodum suum quod tenetis. Et nisi feceritis Albericus de Ver constringat vos donec faciatis. Teste Roberto de Olli. Apud Oxenef(ordam).

[1] *Ely MS.* Heschal'

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 88, and Dugdale MS. 39, f. 145; Ely D. and C., Lib. Eliens., f. 149; B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34v.
Printed: Blake, *L.E.* 324; Richardson and Sayles, *Governance of England*, 191n.
Date: Stephen took Ely midwinter 1139. Robert d'Oilly went over to the empress in 1141.

265. Ely Cath. and See (1140, at Bury St. Edmunds)

To constrain Hugh and Stephen de Scalers to obey ***264***

Stephanus rex Anglorum Gaufrido de Mannavilla salutem. Precipio tibi quod constringas Hugonem de Scalariis et Stephanum de Scalariis donec ita bene et plenarie reddant monachis de Ely firmam suam quam eis debent sicut melius vel plenius faciebant priusquam caperem insulam de Ely, et tantum inde faciatis ne super hoc audiam inde clamorem pro penuria plene justicie. Teste Thurg(isio) de Aberinc(is). Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 87v; Ely D. and C., Lib. Eliens., f. 147, and Liber M, p. 82b.
Printed: *Blake, *L.E.* 320.
Date: After **264** and before Geoffrey de Mandeville became an earl.

266. Ely Cath. and See (1144–5, at Bury St. Edmunds)

The monks to have their land as when Bishop Nigel set out for Rome

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse monachis de Ely omnes terras et tenuras suas ita bene et plenarie sicut illas habuerunt et unquam melius vel plenius et die qua Nig(ellus) episcopus novissime movit ire Romam. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsi eas teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus appendiciis suis sicut unquam melius tenuerunt. Testibus Com(ite) Gisl(eberto), et Rob(erto) de V(ere), et Turg(isio) de Abr(incis), et Joh(ann)e fil(io) Rob(erti). Apud S(an)c(tu)m Edm(undum).

MSS.: Ely D. and C., *charter 8 (original, $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{9}{10}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 194), tongue torn, seal missing). Copies in Lib. Eliens., f. 154v and Lib. M, p. 82a; Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 91 (incomplete); B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34v (incomplete).
Printed: Blake, *L.E.* 334.
Date: Bishop Nigel went to Rome (and came back) in 1144. Turgis of Avranches revolted 1145.

267. Ely Cath. and See (1144–5, at Ipswich)

Announcing peace with Bishop Nigel

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis in quorum balliis Nigellus episcopus habet terram salutem. Precipio quod Nigellus episcopus de Ely teneat et habeat omnes terras et homines suos et omnes res suas ita bene et in pace [et] libere et quiete et honorifice [et] omnes libertates ecclesie sue de Sancta Aðeldreða sicut unquam melius et liberius tenuit, quoniam pacem de me habet et concordiam mecum fecit. Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc faciat ei vel rebus suis injuriam vel contumeliam. Testim(onio) Com(itis) de Warenn(a), Will(elmi) Mart(el). [Apud Gepiswich.]

MSS.: Ely D. and C., Lib. Eliens., f. 149 and 154v; B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34v (*bis*); Bodl. Lib., *MS. Laud. Misc. 647, ff. 88 and 91.
Printed: Blake, *L.E.* 323, 333.
Date: See Round in *E.H.R.* viii. 518 ff. Both the Ely and Bodl. MSS. give the charter twice over, with the place-date (and other words in square brackets) in the second version only.

268. Ely Cath. and See (1136–54 (probably 1140–4), at Barton)

The monks of Ely to have their boat in Soham mere (Cambs.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum just(iciis) et vicecomitibus et ministris suis de Cantebrig(a) et prepositis de Saham salutem. Precipio quod monachi de Ely habeant et teneant batellum suum in mara de Saham ita bene et plenarie sicut Rad(ulfus) Colswein filius et Ricardus filius ejus melius et liberius illum tenuerunt et habuerunt de eis tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei, ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia. T(este) R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Bertonam.

MSS.: Ely D. and C., Lib. M, p. 83a; Bodl. Lib., *MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 91; P.R.O. Pat. R. 12 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 18.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1385–9*, p. 511.
Date: Probably while Bishop Nigel was in disgrace, 1140–4.

269. Ely Cath. and See (1136–54 (?1154))

The monks' land at Stetchworth (Cambs.) to be in peace

Stephanus rex Rad(ulfo) de Halstede et Rogero et Willelmo fratribus suis et W(illelmo) filio Baldewini salutem. Precipio vobis quod permittatis esse in pace terram monachorum de Ely de Steuechewrd(a) nec amplius inde vos intromittatis ullo modo nec inde quicquam capiatis. Et nisi feceritis justicia mea Cantebrigeschire faciat fieri, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam pro penuria justicie. T(este) Willelmo Martel.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 98; B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. i, f. 34v.
Printed: Blake, *L.E.* 362.
Date: Round (*E.H.R.* viii. 519) and Blake place it *c.* 1154, without giving reasons. Ralph of Hawstead was still alive in 1186.

270. England (*c.* 22 Dec. 1135, at London)

First, or coronation, charter of liberties

Steph(an)us dei gratia rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse omnibus baronibus et hominibus meis de Anglia omnes libertates et bonas leges quas Henricus rex Angl(orum) avunculus meus eis dedit et concessit. Et omnes bonas leges et bonas consuetudines eis concedo quas habuerunt tempore regis Edwardi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod habeant et teneant omnes illas bonas leges et libertates de me et heredibus meis, ipsi et heredes sui libere et quiete et plenarie. Et prohibeo ne quis eis super hiis molestiam vel impedimentum vel diminutionem faciat super forisfacturam meam. Teste Will(elmo) Martel. Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Claudius D. ii, f. 68v.
Printed: *Statutes of the Realm*, vol. i, Charters of Liberties, p. 4; Stubbs, *Select Charters*, 9th ed., p. 142.

Date: Wm. Malmesbury gives Stephen's coronation as 22 Dec. (Sunday 11 Kal. Jan., and the 22nd day after the death of Henry I) and is supported by the Battle Abbey Chronicle and the Gloucester Continuator of Florence of Worcester (re the battle of Lincoln). This date should be preferred to 23 Dec. (Gervase of Canterbury and Richard of Hexham) and 25 Dec. (*A.S.C.* and—if he wrote xviii Kal. in error for viii Kal.—Orderic Vitalis).

271. England (early April 1136, at Oxford)

The 'Oxford' charter of liberties for the Church

Ego Steph(anu)s dei gratia assensu cleri et populi in regem Anglie[1] electus et a Will(elm)o Cantuar(iensi) archiepiscopo et Sancte Romane Ecclesie legato consecratus, et ab Innocentio Sancte Romane Sedis pontifice postmodum[2] confirmatus, respectu et amore dei Sanctam Ecclesiam liberam esse concedo et debitam reverentiam illi confirmo. Nichil me in ecclesia vel rebus ecclesiasticis simoniace acturum vel promissurum[3] promitto. Ecclesiasticarum personarum et omnium clericorum et rerum eorum justiciam et potestatem et distributionem bonorum[4] ecclesiasticorum in manu episcoporum[5] perhibeo et confirmo. Dignitates ecclesiarum privilegiis earum confirmatas et consuetudines earum antiquo tenore habitas inviolate manere statuo et concedo.

Omnes ecclesiarum possessiones et tenuras quas die illa habuerunt qua Willelmus[6] rex Angl(orum) avus meus[6] fuit vivus et mortuus sine omni calu(m)pniantium reclamatione eis liberas et absolutas esse concedo.

Si quid vero de habitis vel possessis ante mortem ejusdem regis quibus modo careat ecclesia deinceps repetierit indulgentie et dispensationi mee vel restituendum vel discutiendum reservo.

Quecumque vero post mortem ipsius regis liberalitate regum[7] largitione principum oblatione vel comparatione vel qualibet transmutatione fidelium eis collata sunt confirmo.

Pacem et justiciam me in omnibus facturum et pro posse meo conservaturum eis promitto.

Forestas quas W(illelmus) rex avus meus et W(illelmus) secundus[8] avunculus meus instituerunt et tenuerunt,[9] illas[10] mihi reservo. Ceteras[11] omnes quas rex[12] Henricus[12] superaddidit, ecclesiis et regno quietas reddo et concedo.

Si quis autem[13] episcopus vel abbas vel alia ecclesiastica persona ante mortem suam rationabiliter sua distribuerit vel distribuenda statuerit, firmum manere concedo. Si vero morte preoccupatus fuerit, pro salute anime ejus ecclesie consilio eadem fiat distributio.

Dum vero sedes propriis pastoribus vacue fuerint[14], ipse et omnes earum possessiones in manu et custodia clericorum vel proborum hominum ejusdem ecclesie committantur[15] donec pastor canonice substituatur.

Omnes exactiones et injusticias et meschenningas sive per vicecom(ites) vel per alios quoslibet male inductas funditus exstirpo. Bonas leges et antiquas et justas consuetudines in m(ur)dr(is) et plac(itis) et aliis causis observabo et observari precipio et constituo.

Hec vero[16] omnia concedo et confirmo salva regia et justa dignitate mea, testibus W(illelmo) Cant(uariensi)[17] archiep(iscop)o,[17] et Hug(one) ar(chi)ep(iscop)o[18] Roth(omagensi),[18] et H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi),[19] et Rog(ero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et Alexand(ro) ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi), et Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o Eliensi,[20] et Ebr(ardo) ep(iscop)o Norwich(ensi), et Sim(one) ep(iscop)o Wirec(estrensi), et Bern(ardo) ep(iscopo) S(ancti)[21] D(avi)d,[21] et Aud(oeno) ep(iscop)o Ebroic(ensi) et Ric(ardo) ep(iscop)o Abrinc(ensi), et Rob(er)to ep(iscop)o Heref(ordensi), et Joh(anne) ep(iscop)o Rovec(estrensi), et Adel(ulfo)[22] ep(iscop)o Carl(eolensi), et Rog(er)o canc(ellario), et Henr(ico) nep(ote) regis,[23] et R(oberto)

[1] *E and H* Anglor(um) [2] *E omits* postmodum [3] *E and H add* esse
[4] *H* honorum [5] *E and H add* esse [6] *H* Willelmus avus meus rex Angl(orum)
[7] *E adds* vel [8] *E omits* secundus [9] *E* habuerunt [10] *H omits* illas
[11] *H adds* vero [12] *H* Henricus rex [13] *E and H omit* autem
[14] *H adds* et [15] *E* committam [16] *E omits* vero
[17] *H* arch(iepiscopo) Cant(uariensi) [18] *E* Roth(omagensi) archiep(iscopo)
[19] *E (but not S or H) put the name of the see before* episcopo, *e.g.* Henrico Wintoniensi episcopo, *for all bishops in the list*
[20] *H omits Nigel Bishop of Ely* [21] *E* de Sancto D(avi)d(o) [22] *E* Athelulf(o); *H* A.
[23] *H adds* R(ogero) de Fisc(anno)

Com(ite) Gloec(estrie), et Will(elm)o Com(ite) Warenn(e)[25], et Rann(ulfo) Com(ite) Cestr(ie), et R(ogero) Com(ite) Warwich(e);[26] et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Milon(e) Gloec(estrie)[27], et R(oberto) de Oilli,[28] et B(rientio) fil(io) Comitis,[28] constab(u)l(ar)i(i)s; W(illelmo) Martel, et Hugon(e) Big(ot), et Umfr(ido)[29] de Boh(un), et Sim(one) de Belloc(ampo)[30], dapif(er)is; et W(illelmo) de Albini, et Eud(one) Martel pinc(er)nis; et Rob(erto) de Ferr(ariis),[31] et W(illelmo) Pevr(ello),[32] et S(imone) de Silvanecti,[33] et W(illelmo) de Albini,[34] et Pag(ano) fil(io) Joh(annis), et H(amone)[35] de S(ancto) Claro, et Ilb(erto) de Laci. Apud Oxenef(ordiam). Anno[36] ab incarnatione domini M^mo^ C^mo^ XXX^mo^ VI^to^,[35] sed regni mei primo.

[25] *E* de Warenna [26] *E* Warewic [27] *E* de Gloec(estria)
[28] *E and H reverse the order of Robert d'Oilli and Brien fitz Count, putting Brien before Robert*
[28] *E* Hunfr(ido) [30] *E* Belca(m)p [31] *E* Ferrer(is) [32] *E adds* de Notingeh(am)
[33] *E* Saintliz; *H* Sancto Licio [34] *E and H* Albam(arla) [35] *E* Ham(one)
[36] *H* Anno dominice Inc(arnationis) MCXXXVI in communi consilio, *with no reference to the regnal year*

MSS.: Three originals survive. The text is taken from *S* with variants from *H* and *E*; all three texts seem independent.

S = Salisbury Dean and Chapter, C. 2 (12″ × 7½″, written in the hand of an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 739).

E = Exeter D. and C. 2529 (10⅝″ × 5¼″, written in the hand of an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 241) with cord and small fragment of seal, apparently wrongly attached to this charter, since it has no fold and would seem (from the stub at the bottom l. hand corner) to have had a seal on a tongue (*en simple queue*).

H = Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS. Rawlinson Q. a. 1, f. 26. This original is now in a scrapbook collected by Hearne, and derives from Hereford. It measures 8⅜″ × 12 1/10″ and is written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 595); tongue but no seal; endorsed: *De libertate Her(efordensis) ecclesie.*

Copies in York Cath., Magnum Registrum Album, iii, f. 732 and Canterbury Cath. Registrum E, f. 40 and Registrum I, f. 72^v^.

Printed: *H.M.C. Various Collections*, i. 384 (from *S*); *Statutes of the Realm*, Charters of Liberties, p. 3 (facs.), (from *E*); Hearne, *William of Newburgh*, iii. 71 (from *H*); Bémont, *Charters of Liberties*, 8–10.

Date: See *G. de M.* 22–23.

272. England (Nov.–Dec. 1153, at Westminster)

Treaty between King Stephen and Duke Henry

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod ego rex Stephanus Henricum ducem Normannie post me successorem regni Anglie et heredem meum jure hereditario constitui, et sic ei et heredibus suis regnum Anglie donavi et confirmavi. Dux vero propter hunc honorem et donationem et confirmationem sibi a me factam homagium mihi et sacramento securitatem fecit, scilicet quod fidelis mihi erit et vitam et honorem meum pro posse suo custodiet, per conventiones inter nos prolocutas, que in hac carta continentur. Ego etiam securitatem sacramento duci feci, quod vitam et honorem ei pro posse meo custodiam, et sicut filium et heredem meum in omnibus in quibus potero eum manutenebo et custodiam contra omnes quos potero. Willelmus autem filius meus ligium homagium et securitatem duci Normannie fecit, et dux ei concessit ad tenendum de se omnes tenuras quas ego tenui antequam regnum Anglie adeptus essem, sive in Anglia, sive in Normannia, sive in aliis locis, et quicquid cum filia comitis Warennie accepit, sive in Anglia, sive in Normannia, et quicquid ad honores illos pertinet, et de omnibus terris, et villis, et burgis, et redditibus quos dux in dominio suo inde nunc habet, et nominatim de illis que pertinent ad honorem comitis Warenn(ie), Willelmum filium meum et homines ipsius qui de honore illo sunt plenarie saisiet, et nominatim de castello de Belencumbre et Mortuo-maris. Ita scilicet quod Reginaldus de Warenn(ie) castrum Belencumbre et castrum Mortui-maris custodiet, si voluerit, et dabit inde duci obsides. Si vero noluerit, alii de ligiis hominibus comitis Warenn(ie) quos dux voluerit similiter per salvos obsides et salvam custodiam eadem castra custodient. Alia vero castra que pertinent ad comitatum Moretonie dux ei reddet ad voluntatem meam cum poterit, per salvam custodiam et per salvos obsides. Ita quod omnes obsides reddantur filio meo quieti quando dux regnum Anglie habebit. Incrementum etiam,

quod ego Willelmo filio meo dedi, ipse dux ei concessit, castra scilicet et villas de Norwico cum septingentis libratis terre, ita quod redditus de Norwico infra illas septingentas libratas computetur, et totum comitatum de Norðfolc preter illa que pertinent ad ecclesias, et episcopos, et abbates, et comites, et nominatim preter tertium denarium unde Hugo Bigotus est comes, salva et reservata in omnibus regali justicia. Item ad roborandum gratiam meam et dilectionem, dedit ei dux et concessit quicquid Richerus de Aquila habebat de honore Peveneselli, et preter hec castra et villas Peveneselli, et servitium Faramusi, preter castra et villas de Dovre, et quod ad honorem Dovre pertinet. Ecclesiam de Favresham cum pertinentiis suis dux confirmavit et alia aliis ecclesiis a me data vel reddita, consilio sancte ecclesie et meo confirmabit. Comites et barones ducis qui homines mei nunquam fuerant, pro honore quem suo domino feci, homagium et sacramentum mihi fecerunt, salvis conventionibus inter me et ducem factis. Ceteri vero qui antea mihi homagium fecerant, fidelitatem mihi fecerunt sicut domino, et si dux a premissis recederet omnino a servitio ejus ipsi cessarent, quousque errata corrigeret. Filius meus etiam secundum consilium sancte ecclesie se inde contineret, si dux a predictis recederet. Comites etiam et barones mei ligium homagium duci fecerunt, salva mea fidelitate quamdiu vixero et regnum tenuero, simili lege quod si ego a predictis recederem omnino a servitio meo cessarent, quousque errata corrigerem. Cives etiam civitatum et homines castrorum que in dominio meo habeo ex precepto meo homagium et securitatem duci fecerunt, salva fidelitate mea quamdiu vixero et regnum tenuero. Illi autem qui castra Warengeford custodiunt homagium mihi fecerunt, et dederunt mihi obsides de fidelitate mihi servanda. Ego vero de castris et murationibus meis talem securitatem duci consilio sancte ecclesiae feci, ne dux me decedente per hoc damnum aut inpedimentum regni incurrat. Etiam turris Lundoniensis Ricardo de Luceio, et mota Windlesores consilio sancte ecclesie ad custodiendum tradite sunt. Ricardus autem de Luceio juravit, et in manu archiepiscopi et custodiam filium suum obsidem dedit quod post meum decessum predicta castra duci redderet. Similiter consilio sancte ecclesie Rogger[us] de Busseio[1] motam Oxeneford, et Jordan[us] de Buseso[2] firmitatem Lincolie custodiunt, et ligii homines duci sunt, et juraverunt et obsides inde dederunt in manu archiepiscopi, quod si ego decederem, duci munitiones sine impedimento redderent. Episcopus Wintonie in manu archiepiscopi Cantuar(iensis) coram episcopis affidavit, quod si ego decederem castra Wintonie et munitionem Hamtone duci redderet. Quod si aliquis eorum quibus custodia munitionum commissa fuerit moreretur, aut a custodia sibi deputata recederet, consilio sancte ecclesie alius custos ibi statueretur prius quam ille recederet. Si vero aliquis de his qui meas munitiones custodiunt contumax vel rebellis extiterit de castris scilicet que ad coronam pertinent, communi consilio ego et dux nos inde continebimus donec ad voluntatem utriusque cogatur satisfacere. Archiepiscopi et episcopi de regno Anglie atque abbates ex precepto meo fidelitatem sacramento duci fecerunt. Illi quoque qui in regno Anglie deinceps fient episcopi, vel abbates, idem facient. Archiepiscopi vero et episcopi ab utraque parte in manu ceperunt, quod si quis nostrum a predictis conventionibus recederet, tam diu eum ecclesiastica justicia coercebunt, quousque errata corrigat et ad predictam pactionem observandam redeat. Mater etiam ducis et ejus uxor et fratres ipsius ducis et omnes sui quos ad hoc applicare poterit hec assecurabant. In negotiis autem regni ego consilio ducis operabor. Ego vero in toto regno Anglie tam in parte ducis quam in mea regalem justitiam exercebo. Testibus his Tedbaldo archiepiscopo, Henrico Wintoniensi, Rodberto Exon(iensi), Rodberto Bath(oniensi), Gocelino Sales(beriensi), Rodberto Lincol(niensi), Hilar(io) Cicest(rensi), Willelmo Norwic(ensi), Ricardo Lund(oniensi), Nigello Elyens(i), Gileberto Hereford(ensi), Johanne Wigorn(ensi),[3] Waltero Cestr(ensi), Waltero Rofens(i), Gaufrido de Sancto Asaph, episcopis; Rodberto prior(e) Bermundeseie), Otun milite Templi, Willelmo com(ite) Cicestr(ie), Rodberto com(ite) Leecest(rie), Willelmo com(ite) Gloecest(rie), Rainaldo com(ite) Cornval(lie), Baldwino [comite Devonie],[4] Rogero Hereford(ie), Hugone Bigoto,[5] Patrico Salesberensi, Willelmo de Albemarl(a), Albrico comite, Rogero Clarensi,[6] Ricardo de Pambroc, com(itibus); Ricardo de Luceio, Willelmo Martel, Ricardo

[1] *R.B.* Luceio
[2] *R.B.* Busseio
[3] *R.B. omits*
[4] *Sic R.B.*; *Manchester MS.* Baldwino de Douni(n)g
[5] *R.B. omits*
[6] *R.B.* comite de Clara

de Humez, Reinaldo de Warenn(a), Manaser Biset, Johanne de Port,[7] Ricardo de Camavilla, Henri(co) de Esexa. Aput Westmonasterium.

[7] *R.B.* de Norwic

MSS.: Manchester, John Rylands Lib., *Latin MS. 420, f. 40v; P.R.O. Red Bk. of Exchequer, f. 164 (late 13th cent.).

Printed: Hearne, *Liber Niger*, i. 316; *Foedera* (1704), i. 13 (both from *R.B.*); *H.M.C. 12th Rep.*, Appendix ix (1891), 119–21 (from Manchester MS.). Delisle-Berger, no. *56.

273. Essex, Earl of (probably Dec. 1139–Dec. 1140, at Westminster)

Making Geoffrey de Mandeville earl of Essex

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me fecisse comitem de Gaufr(ido) de Magnavilla de comitatu Essex(ie) hereditarie. Quare volo et concedo et firmiter precipio quod ipse et heredes sui post eum hereditario jure teneant de me et de heredibus meis bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut alii comites mei de terra mea melius vel liberius vel honorificentius tenent comitatus suos unde comites sunt cum omnibus dignitatibus et libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus alii comites mei prefati dignius vel liberius tenent. T(estibus) Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Henr(ico) de Essexa, et Joh(ann)e fil(io) Rob(erti) fil(ii) Walt(eri), et Rob(erto) de Novo burgo, et Mainfen(ino) Briton, et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Will(elm)o de S(anc)to Claro, et Will(elm)o de Dammartin(o), et Ric(ardo) fil(io) Ursi, et Will(elm)o de Auco, Ric(ardo) fil(io) Osb(erti), et Rad(ulpho) de Wirec(estria), et Eglin(o), et Will(elm)o fil(io) Alur(edi), et Will(elm)o fil(io) Ernald(i). Apud Westmonast(erium).

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Charter vii. 4 (original, $7\frac{1}{10}'' \times 6\frac{3}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xix (T.A.M.B. no. 346), with a damaged impression of Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tag). Copies in Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 841, f. 2, and Dugdale MS. 18, f. 21.

Printed: *G. de M.* 51 and frontispiece (facs.); Madox, *Baronia Anglicana* (1741), 138 n. (incomplete).

Date: See *E.H.R.* lxxix (1964), 300–1.

274. Essex, Earl of (Midsummer 1141, at Westminster)

First charter of the empress to Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex

M(athildis) regis Henrici filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliæ et Normanniæ salutem. Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Matildis regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina do et concedo Gaufrido de Magnavilla pro servitio suo et heredibus suis post eum hereditabiliter ut sit comes de Essex(a) et habeat tertium denarium vicecomitatus de placitis sicut comes habere debet in comitatu suo in omnibus rebus. Et praeter hoc reddo illi in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis totam terram quam tenuit Gaufridus de Magnavilla avus suus et Serlo de Matom in Anglia et Normannia, ita libere et bene et quiete sicut aliquis antecessorum suorum illam unquam melius et liberius tenuit, vel ipsemet postea aliquo in tempore, sibi dico et heredibus suis post eum. Et concedo illi et heredibus suis custodiam turris Londonie cum parvo castello quod fuit Ravengeri in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis cum terris et liberationibus et omnibus consuetudinibus quae ad eandem turrim pertinerent, et ut inforciet illa secundum voluntatem suam. Et similiter do ei et concedo et heredibus suis c libratas terrae de me et de heredibus meis in dominio, videlicet Niweport pro tanto quantum reddere solebat die qua rex H(enricus) pater meus fuit vivus et mortuus, et ad removend(um) mercatum de Niweport in castellum suum de Waldena cum omnibus consuetudinibus que prius mercato illi melius pertinuerunt in theloneo et passagio et aliis consuetudinibus, et ut vie de Niweport quae sunt juxta littus aquae dirigantur ex consuetudine ad Waledenam super forisfacturam meam, et mercatum de Waldena sit ad diem dominicam et ad diem jovis, et ut feria habeatur apud Waledenam et incipiat in vigilia Pentecost et duret per totam hebdomadam Pentecostes. Et Meldonam ad perficiendum predictas c libratas terrae pro

tanto quantum inde reddi solebat die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus cum omnibus appendiciis et rebus quae adjacebant in terra et mari ad burgum illud predicto die mortis regis Henrici. Et Deopedenam similiter pro tanto quantum inde reddi solebat die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Et boscum de Chatelega cum hominibus pro xx solidis, et terram de Banhunta pro xl solidis. Et si quid defuerit ad c libratas perficiendas, perficiam ei in loco competenti in Essexa aut in Hertfordescira aut in Cantebriggscira, tali tenore quod si reddidero comiti Theobaldo totam terram quam tenebat in Anglia, dabo Gaufrido Comiti Essex(e) escambium suum ad valentiam in his praedictis tribus comitatibus antequam de praedictis terris dissaisiatur. Si etiam reddidero totum honorem et totam terram heredibus Willelmi Pevr(elli) de Lond(onia), dabo similiter ei escambium ad valens antequam dissaisiatur de illa quae fuit Pevrelli, et illud escambium erit de terra quae remanebit illi hereditabiliter. Et praeter hoc do et concedo ei et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis tenendum feodum et servicium xx militum, et infra servicium istorum xx militum do ei feodum et servicium terre quam Hasculf(us) de Tania tenuit in Anglia die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, quam tenet Graeleng(us) et mater sua pro tanto servicii quantum de feodo illo debent, et totum superplus istorum xx militum ei perficiam in prenominatis tribus comitatibus. Et servicium istorum xx militum faciet mihi separatim praeter aliud servicium alterius feodi sui. Et praeterea concedo illi ut castella sua quae habet stent et ei remaneant ad inforciandum ad voluntatem suam. Et ut ille et omnes homines sui teneant terras et tenaturas suas omnes de quocunque teneant, sicut tenuerunt die qua ipse homo meus effectus est, salvo servitio dominorum. Et ut ipse et homines sui sint quieti de omnibus debitis quae debuerunt regi Henrico aut regi Stephano. Et ut ipse et omnes homines sui per totam Angliam sint quieti de wastis forestariis et assartis quae facta sunt in feodo ipsius Gaufredi usque ad diem quo homo meus devenit, et ut a die illo in antea omnia illa essarta sint amodo excultabilia et arrabilia sine forisfacto. Et ut habeat mercatum die jovis apud Bisseiam et feriam similiter ibidem quoque anno, et incipiat vigilia sancti Jacobi et duret tres dies. Et praeterea do et concedo ei et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis vicecomitatum Essex(e) reddendo inde rectam firmam quae inde reddi solebat die qua rex Henricus pater meus fuit vivus et mortuus, ita quod auferat de summa firma vicecomitatus quantum pertinuerit ad Meldonam et Niweport quae ei donavi, et quantum pertinuerit ad tertium denarium de placitis vicecomitatus unde eum feci comitem. Et ut teneat omnia excidamenta mea quae mihi exciderint in comitatu Essexe, reddendo inde firmam rectam quamdiu erunt in dominio meo. Et ut sit capitalis justicia in Essexa hereditabiliter mea et heredum meorum de placitis et forisfactis quae pertinuerint ad coronam meam, ita quod non mittam aliam justiciam super eum in comitatu illo, nisi ita sit quod aliquando mittam aliquem de paribus suis qui audiat cum illo quod placita mea juste tractentur. Et ut ipse et omnes homines sui sint quieti versus me et versus heredes meos de omni forisfacto et omni malevolentia praeterita ante diem quo meus homo devenit. Et ei firmiter concedo et heredibus suis quod bene et in pace et libere et sine placito habeat et teneat hereditabiliter, sicut haec carta confirmat, omnia tenementa sua quae ei concessi in terris et tenaturis et in feodis et firmis et castellis et libertatibus et in omnibus conventionibus inter nos factis sicut aliquis comes terrae meae melius et quietius et liberius tenet ad modum comitis in omnibus rebus, ita quod ipse vel aliquis hominum suorum non ponantur in ullo modo in placitum de aliquo forisfacto quod fecissent antequam homo meus factus esset, nec pro aliquo forisfacto quod facturus sit in antea ponatur in placitum de feodo vel castello vel terra vel tenura quam ei concesserim quamdiu se defendere potuerit de scelere sive traditione ad corpus meum pertinente per se aut per unum militem si quis coram [me] venerit qui eum appellare inde voluerit. T(estibus) H(enrico) ep(iscopo) Winton(iensi), et A(lexandro) ep(iscopo) Lincoln(iensi), et R(oberto) ep(iscopo) Heref(ordensi), et N(igello) ep(iscopo) Ely(ensi), et B(ernado) ep(iscopo) de S(ancto) David, et W(illelmo) cancellario, et com(ite) R(oberto) de Glocestr(ia), et com(ite) B(aldewino), et com(ite) W(illelmo) de Moion, et B(riano) fil(io) Com(itis), et M(ilone) Glocestr(ie), et R(oberto) Arundell, et R(oberto) Malet, et Rad(ulfo) Lovell, et Rad(ulfo) Painell, et W(alkelino) Maminot, et Rob(erto) fil(io) R(egis), et Rob(erto) fil(io) Martin(i), et Rob(erto) fil(io) Heldebrand(i). Apud Westmonaster(ium).

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Charter xvi. 27 (original, mutilated by fire, now in 8 fragments mounted and re-set, $10\frac{2}{5}'' \times 14''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. S. 27) with signs of a fold at the foot as if for a seal on a tag, now missing). Copies in B.M. Harley MS. 5019 (St. George, with drawing of seal); and in Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 18, f. 81, and Ashmole MS. 843, f. 3.

Printed: *G. de M.* 88; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 384 (incorrectly).

Date: Midsummer 1141 was the only occasion on which the empress was at Westminster; Henry Bishop of Winchester is known to have been with her then, and Miles of Gloucester was not yet an earl. The empress was expecting to be crowned queen, and the legend on her seal (according to Ashmole) was MATILDIS IMPERATRIX ET REGINA ANGLIÆ and is therefore unique. It is paralleled by the reference in the text to King Stephen (by name) as one of her predecessors. Round noted correctly (*G. de M.* 95, n. 2) that the Ashmole MS. gives the place wrong, *apud Westmr* having been altered to *apud Oxford* by a later hand. The words are now missing in the original, but both Dugdale and Richard St. George saw the original before the Cottonian fire and read Westminster.

275. Essex, Earl of (25–31 July, 1141, at Oxford)

Second charter of the empress

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina, archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliae et Normanniae salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse comiti Gaufr(edo) Essexe omnia tenementa sua sicut Gaufredus avus suus aut Willelmus pater ejus aut ipsemet postea unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt aliquo tempore in feodo et haereditate sibi et haeredibus suis, ad tenendum de me et de haeredibus meis. Videlicet in terris et turribus, in castellis et bailliis, et nominatim turrim Lund(oniae) cum castello quod subtus est, ad firmandum et efforciandum ad voluntatem suam. Et vicecomitatum Lund(oniae) et Middelsex per ccc lib(ras) sicut Gaufredus avus ejus tenuit. Et vicecomitatum Essex per ccc libr(as) sicut idem Gaufredus avus ejus tenuit. Et vicecomitatum de Hortfordscira per lx libras sicut avus ejus tenuit. Et praeter hoc do et concedo eidem Gaufredo quod habeat haereditabiliter justicia(m) Lund(oniae) et Middelsex et Essex et de Hortfordscira, ita quod nulla alia justicia placitet in hiis supradictis vicecomitatibus nisi per eis (*sic*). Et concedo ei ut habeat illas c libratas terrae quas dedi ei et servicium illorum xx militum sicut illud ei dedi et per aliam cartam meam confirmavi. Et illas cc libratas terrae quas rex Stephanus et Matildis regina ei dederunt. Et illas c libratas terrae de terris eschaetis quas idem rex et regina ei dederunt, et servicium militum quod ei dederunt, sicut habet inde cartas illorum. Et do ei totam terram quae fuit Eudonis Dapiferi in Normannia et dapiferatum ipsius. Et haec reddo ei ut rectum suum ut habeat et teneat haereditabiliter, ita ne ponatur inde in placitum versus aliquem. Et si dominus meus Comes Andegaviae et ego voluerimus, Comes Gaufredus accipiet pro dominiis et terris quas habet eschaetis et pro servicio militum quod habet totam terram quae fuit Eudonis Dapiferi in Anglia sicut tenuit ea die qua fuit et vivus et mortuus, quia hoc est rectum suum, praeter illas c libratas terrae quas ego dedi ei, et praeter servicium xx militum quod ei dedi, et praeter terram Ernulfi de Mannavill sicut eam tenet de Comite Gaufredo ex servicio x militum. Et si potero perquirere erga episcopum Lund(oniae) et erga ecclesiam Sancti Pauli castellum de Storteford per escambium ad gratum suum, do et concedo illud ei et haeredibus suis in feodo et hereditate tenendum de me et haeredibus meis. Quod si facere non potero, tunc ei conventiono quod faciam illud prosternere et ex toto cadere. Et concedo quod Ernulf(us) de Mannavill teneat illas c libratas terrae quas ei dedi, et servicium x militum de Comite Gaufredo patre suo. Et praeter hoc do et concedo eidem Ernulfo c libratas terrae de terris eschaetis, et servicium x militum ad tenendum de domino meo Comite Andegav(ie) et de me in capite haereditarie sibi et haeredibus suis de nobis et de haeredibus nostris, videlicet Cristeshalam et Benedis pro quanto valent; et superplus perficiam ei per considerationem Comitis Gaufredi. Et conventiono eidem Gaufredo comiti Essex quod dominus meus Comes Andegaviae vel ego vel filii nostri nullam pacem aut concordiam cum burgensibus Lund(oniae) faciemus, nisi concessu et assensu praedicti Comitis Gaufredi, quia inimici ejus sunt mortales. Concedo etiam eidem Gaufredo quod novum castellum quod firmavit super Luiam stet et remaneat ad efforciandum ad voluntatem suam. Concedo etiam ei quod firmet unum castellum ubicunque voluerit

in terra sua, sicut ei per aliam cartam meam concessi, et quod stet et remaneat. Concedo etiam eidem Gaufredo quod ipse et omnes homines sui habeant et lucrentur omnia essarta sua libera et quieta de omnibus placitis facta usque ad diem qua servic(io) domini mei Comitis Andegavie ac meo adhesit. Haec omnia supradicta tenementa in omnibus rebus concedo ei tenenda haereditarie sibi et haeredibus suis de me et de haeredibus meis. Quare volo et firmiter praecipio quod ipse Gaufredus comes et haeredes sui teneant haec omnia supradicta tenementa ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut unquam aliquis comitum meorum totius Angliae melius vel liberius tenuit vel tenet. Et praeter hoc dedi Willelmo filio Otvel(li) fratri ejusdem Comitis Gaufredi c libratas terrae de terris escaetis tenendis de me et de haeredibus meis in feudo et haereditate pro servicio suo et pro amore fratris sui Comitis Gaufredi. Concedo etiam quod Willelmus de Sai habeat omnes terras et tenementa quae fuerunt patris sui, et ipse et haeredes sui; et quod Willelmus Cap(ra) habeat terram patris sui sine placito, et ipse et haeredes sui. Concedo etiam eidem Comiti Gaufredo quod Willelmus filius Walteri et haeredes sui habeant custodiam castelli de Windesh(ores) et omnia sua tenementa sicut ipse Willelmus et antecessores sui eam habuerunt de rege H(enrico) patre meo et antecessoribus ipsius. Et quod Matheus de Rumilli habeat terram patris sui quam Gaufridus de Turevill tenet. Et Willelmus de Auco habeat Lavendonam sicut rectum suum haereditarie. Concedo etiam eidem Comiti Gaufredo quod omnes homines sui teneant terras et tenementa sua de quocunque teneant sine placito et sine pecuniae donatione, et ut rectum eis teneatur de eorum calumpniis sine pecuniae donatione. Et quod Osb(ertus) Octod(enarii) habeat illas xx libratas terrae quas ei dedi et confirmavi per cartam meam.

Hanc autem conventionem et donationem tenendam affidavi manu mea propria in manu ipsius Comitis Gaufredi. Et hujus fiduciae sunt obsides per fidem et testes, Robertus comes Gloec(estriae), et Milo comes Heref(ordiae), et Brianus filius Comitis, et Rob(ertus) filius Reg(is), et Rob(ertus) de Curc(eio) dapifer, et Joh(ann)es filius Gisleberti, et Milo de Belloc(ampo), et Rad(ulfus) Paganell, et Rob(ertus) de Oilli conest(abularius), et Rob(ertus) filius Heldebrand(i). Et conventionavi eidem Comiti Gaufredo pro posse mea quod Comes Andegavie dominus meus assecurabit ei manu sua propria illud idem tenendum et Henricus filius meus similiter. Et quod rex Franciae erit inde obses si facere potero. Et si non potero, faciam quod ipse rex capiet in manu illud tenendum. Et de hoc debent esse obsides per fidem: Juhel de Meduana, et Robertus de Sabloill, et Wido de Sabloill, et Pagan(us) de Clarevall(e), et Gaufredus de Clarevall(e), et Andreas de Alvia, et Pipinus de Turon(is), et Absalon de Rumarch(e),[1] et Reginaldus comes Cornubiae, et Balduinus comes Devon(iae), et Gislebertus comes de Penbr(oc), et Comes Hugo de Norff(olchia), et Comes Albericus, et Henricus de Essex, et Petrus de Valon(iis), et alii barones mei quos habere voluerit et ego habere potero, erunt inde obsides similiter. Et quod Christianitas Angliae quae est in potestate mea capiet in manu istam supradictam conventionem tenendam eidem Comiti Gaufredo et haeredibus suis de me et de haeredibus meis. Apud Oxineford.

[1] *recte* Roinard (?)

MSS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 109 (transcript from the missing vol. of the Great Coucher of the Duchy of Lancaster); Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 19, and Dodsworth MS. 30, f. 113 (incomplete).
Printed: *G. de M.* 166–72.
Date: Round dated this charter to the first 6 months of 1142. Reasons for re-dating it 25–31 July 1141 are given in *E.H.R.* lxxix (1964), 302–6.

276. Essex, Earl of (Christmas 1141, at Canterbury)

Stephen's second charter

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iariis) vic(ecomitibus) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et firmiter concessisse Gaufr(edo) comiti de Essexa omnia sua tenementa que tenuit de quocunque illa tenuerit die qua impeditus fui apud

Linc(olniam) et captus. Et preter hoc dedi et concessi ccc libratas terre, scilicet Meldonam et Niweport et Depedenam et Banhunte et Ingam et Phingriam et Chateleam cum omnibus suis appendiciis pro c libris. Et Writelam pro sexies xx libris. Et Hadfeld pro quater xx libris cum omnibus appendiciis illorum maneriorum. Et preter hoc dedi ei et concessi in feodo et hereditate de me et de meis heredibus sibi et suis heredibus c libratas terre de terris excaatis, scilicet totam terram Roberti de Baentona quam tenuit in Essexa, videlicet Reneham et Hoilandam et Amb(er)denam et Wodeham et Eistan quam Picardus de Danfront tenuit. Et Ichilintonam cum omnibus eorum appendiciis pro c libris. Et preterea dedi ei et firmiter concessi in feodo et hereditate c libratas terre ad opus Ernulfi de Mannavilla de ipso comite Gaufr(edo) tenendas, scilicet Anastiam et Braching et Hamam cum omnibus eorum appendiciis. Et c solidatas terre in Hadfeld ad prefatas c libratas terre perficiendas. Et preterea dedi ei et concessi custodiam turris Lond(onie) cum castello quod ei subest, habendum et tenendum sibi et suis heredibus de me et de meis heredibus cum omnibus rebus et libertatibus et consuetudinibus prefate turri pertinentibus. Et justicias et vicecomitat(us) de Lond(onia) et de Middelsexa in feodo et hereditate eadem firma qua Gaufr(edus) de Mannavilla avus suus eas tenuit, scilicet pro ccc libris. Et justicias et vicecomitat(us) de Essexa et Heortfordiscira eadem firma qua avus ejus eos tenuit, ita tamen quod dominica que de predictis comitatibus data sunt ipsi comiti Gaufr(edo) aut alicui alii a firma prefata subtrahantur, et illi et heredibus suis ad scaccarium computabuntur. Et preterea firmiter ei concessi ut possit firmare quoddam castellum ubicunque voluerit in terra sua, et quod stare possit. Et preterea dedi eidem comiti Gaufr(edo) et firmiter concessi in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis de me et de meis heredibus lx milites feudatos de quibus Ernulfus de Mannavilla tenebit x in feodo et hereditate de patre suo, scilicet servicium Graalondi de Tania pro vii militibus et dimidio, et servicium Willelmi filii Roberti pro vii militibus, et servicium Brient(ii) fil(ii) Rad(ulphi) pro v militibus, et servicium Rob(erti) fil(ii) Gerold(i) pro xi militibus, et servicium Rad(ulphi) fil(ii) Geroldi pro i milite, et servicium Will(elmi) de Tresgoz pro vi militibus, et servicium Maur(icii) de Chic(he) pro v militibus, et servicium Rad(ulphi) Maled(octi) pro ii militibus, et servicium Goisb(erti) de Ing(a) pro i milite, et servicium Willelmi filii Herv(ei) pro iii militibus, et servicium Willelmi de Auco pro i milite et dimidio, et servicium Willelmi de Bosevilla pro ii militibus, et servicium Math(ei) Pevr(elli) pro iiii militibus, et servicium Ade de Sum(er)i de feodo de Elmedona pro iii militibus, et servicium Rann(ulfi) Briton(is) pro i milite. Et preterea quicquid carta regine testatur ei dedi et concessi. Omnia autem hec predicta tenementa scilicet in terris et dominiis et serviciis militum et in custodia turris Lond(onie) et castelli quod turri subest, et in justiciis et vicecomitatibus et omnibus predictis rebus et consuetudinibus et libertatibus dedi ei et firmiter concessi comiti Gaufr(edo) in feodo et hereditate de me et de meis heredibus sibi et heredibus suis pro servicio suo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant omnia illa tenementa et concessiones adeo libere et quiete et honorifice sicut aliquis omnium comitum totius Anglie aliquod suum tenementum tenet vel tenuit liberius et honorificentius et quietius et plenius. T(estibus) M(atilde) regina, et H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Wint(oniensi), et W(illelmo) com(ite) Warenn(e), et com(ite) Gisl(eberto) de Penbroc, et com(ite) Gisl(eberto) de Heortford, et W(illelmo) com(ite) de Albarm(arla), et com(ite) Sim(one), et com(ite) Will(elmo) de Sudsexa, et com(ite) Alan(o), et com(ite) Rob(erto) de Ferr(ariis), et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Bald(ewino) fil(io) Gisl(eberti), et Rob(erto) de V(ere) et Pharam(o), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Ada(m) de Beln(aco). Apud Cantuar(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/18 (original, 9½″ × 14⅛″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 421), with impression of Stephen's second seal in red wax on a purple and gold cord).

Printed: *G. de M.* 140–4.

Date: After Stephen's captivity (which ended 1 Nov. 1141), to which there is a reference in the text, and necessarily before the fall of Geoffrey de Mandeville. Round is probably right in suggesting Christmas 1141 (*G. de M.* 138). The reference to a charter by the queen is presumably to a grant of land from the honour of Boulogne which she held in her own right. Round presumed that it must have been made in 1141, but in fact the queen issued charters concerning her own lands throughout the reign, e.g. **243**, **221**, **224**, etc.

277. Essex, Earl of (Aug. 1144–Oct. 1147, at Devizes)

The empress grants Geoffrey de Mandeville the younger his father's inheritance and tenures

Carta M(athildis) imperatricis per quam dat Gaufredo de Mannevill filio Gaufredi comitis Essexie totam hereditatem suam et omnes tenuras quas concessit patri suo. Testes R(obertus) comes Gloec(estrie), Rag(inaldus) comes Cornub(ie), Rog(erus) comes Hereford(ie), R(oberto) regis filius, Umfridus de Bohun dapifer, Johannes filius Gisleberti, W(illelmus) de Pontlarch(e) camerarius. Apud Divisas.

MS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 123v (from lost vol. of Great Coucher of Duchy of Lancaster).
Printed: *G. de M.* 233.
Date: After the death of the earl of Essex and before that of Robert Earl of Gloucester.

278. Évreux Cath. and See (1135–9, at Westminster)

Restoration to Bishop Audoin of Bramford (Suff.) and sokemen in the hundreds of Claydon, Bosmere, and Loes (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) episcopo Eliensi et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecom(iti) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sudf(olc) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Audino episcopo Ebroic(ensi) manerium de Branfort et sochemannes (*sic*) de Claidon hundr(edo) et de Bosemere hundredo et de Losehundredo quos rex Henricus ei dederat. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete teneat cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus rex Henricus melius tenuit manerium illud quando fuit in manu sua. Et sit quietum et homines ejus de placitis et sciris et hundredis et geldis et danegeld(is) et auxiliis justici(arum) et vicec(omitum) sicut carta regis Henricus testatur. Testibus R(ogero) cancellario, et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et R(oberto) de Ver, et Willelmo Martel. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122 (13th cent. cartulary), f. 7v.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 120 (incomplete); *C.D.F.*, no. 295 (cal.).
Date: Bishop Audoin d. 2 July 1139.

279. Évreux Cath. and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Granting to the canons half the profits of the manor of Bramford (Suff.), as given to them by Bishop Audoin

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Normannia et Sudf(olc) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et canonicis Sancte Marie Ebroic(e)n(sis) medietatem totius redditus et exituum manerii de Branford sicut Aldoenus episcopus Ebroic(ensis) eis dedit et concessit per cartam suam, cui rex Henricus illud manerium dederat et per cartam suam concesserat, et ego postea per meam.[1] Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace teneant. Testibus T(hurstino) archiepiscopo Eboraci, et R(ogero) cancellario, et R(otrodo) comite de Pertica, et Rann(ulfo) de Baioc(ensi), et Ricardo de Aquila. Apud Oxeneford(am).

[1] *Regesta*, ii. 1673 (no. ccxliii *but reading* xl solidatas *for* xi solidatas) and **278**

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 7.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, Introduction, p. 119 (incomplete); *C.D.F.*, no. 296 (cal.).
Date: The chancellor must be Roger le Poer because Archbishop Thurstan d. 25 Jan. 1140. The presence of Thurstan at Oxford might suggest 1136, but Richer de l'Aigle and Rannulf de Bayeux witness in England only in 1139, so far as is known.

280. Évreux Cath. and See (1137, at Évreux)

Further confirmation of Bramford (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie et Normannie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Ebroic(ensis) in elesmosinam perpetuam terram

de Branfort in Sudfolc cum omnibus illi pertinentibus quas rex Henricus avunculus meus Audino dederat episcopo, et quas idem episcopus concessu regis Henrici ecclesie sue Ebroic(ensi) in elemosinam dedit. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa teneat terram illam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus cum libertatibus et consuetudinibus adjacentibus ita bene et libere et quiete sicut prefatus episcopus vel aliquis ante eum liberius et quietius tenuit. Et ut imperpetuum illi ecclesie integre inconcusseque permaneat, presentis sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum testimonio hoc corroboro et confirmo. Testibus A(delulfo) episcopo Carl(eoliensi), et H(enrico) de Soi[lli][1], et G(alerano) comite de Metll(ento), et Umfrido de Buh(un),[2] et R(oberto) comite Legr(ecestrie), et R(oberto) Aven(el). Ap(ud) Ebroicas.

[1] *MS.* Soiri, *Delisle* Corci [2] *MS.* Ruhun

MSS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 6v; Ely Dioc. Reg., Lib. M, p. 82; Bodl. Lib., MS. Laud. Misc. 647, f. 91 (incomplete).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 117; *C.D.F.*, no. 294 (cal.).
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

281. Évreux Cath. and See (1137, at Évreux)

Confirmation of the churches etc. of Nonancourt and Verneuil, and the tithe of the port of Vernon (Eure)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) H(ugoni) archiepiscopo Roth(omagensi) et episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis quia pro anima regis Henrici domini et avunculi mei et patrum meorum et parentum et pro salute mea et uxoris et fratrum et filiorum meorum concessi et confirmavi ecclesie Sancte Marie Ebroic(ensis) in perpetuam elemosinam et Audino episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus donationem quam rex Henricus eis fecit, scilicet omnes ecclesias de Nonancort et omnes decimas agrorum et molendinorum et furnorum et omnium redditiuum meorum ejusdem ville et i carrucatam terram et ii mansuras in burgo liberas et quietas ab omni consuetudine. Et similiter omnes ecclesias V(er)nolii et omnes decimas molendinorum et furnorum et pedagii ipsius V(er)nolii et armentariorum et omnium redditiuum et exituum in denariis et aliis rebus, et duas mansuras in b(ur)go liberas et quietas ab omni consuetudine et redditu, et decimam portus de V(er)none qui erat in dominio regis Henrici quando hoc concessit. Et ut ecclesia et Audinus episcopus et omnes sui post eum successores omnia predicta cum pertinentiis eorum integre inconcusseque in sempiternum possideant, presentis sigilli mei hoc impressione confirmo et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro. Testibus Adel(ulfo) episcopo Carl(eoliensi), et G(alerano) comite de Metll(ent), et R(oberto) comite Legr(ecestrie), et H(enrico) de Soilli nepote regis, et Umfr(ido) de Buh(un), et R(oberto) Avenello. Apud Ebroic(as).

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 7 (no. xxi).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 117 (incomplete); *C.D.F.*, no. 293 (cal.).
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

282. Évreux Cath. and See (1137, at Évreux)

Confirmation of half the profits of the fair at Nonancourt (Eure)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) H(ugoni) archiepiscopo Roth(omagensi) et episcopis et abbatibus et comitibus et justic(iis) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis quia volo et concedo et confirmo quod una feria sit in castello meo de Nonancort omnibus annis per iii dies, scilicet per duos dies ante festum Sancte Marie Magdalene et ipso die festi, sicut rex Henricus avunculus meus instituit. Et de omnibus exitibus ipsius habeat Oin(us) episcopus Ebroic(ensis) et ecclesia sua in sempiternum unam medietatem et ego alteram. Et omnes ad eam venientes et inde redeuntes [meam] firmam pacem habeant. Testibus Adel(ulfo) episcopo Carl(eolensi), et H(enrico) de Soilli, et G(alerano) comite de Metll(ent), et Roberto comite Legr(ecestrie), et Umf(r)i(do) de Buh(un). Apud Ebroic(as).

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 7 (no. xxii).
Printed: Le Prévost, *Mémoires et Notes . . . de l'Eure* (1869), ii. 477 (cal.); Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 117 (incomplete); *C.D.F.*, no. 292 (cal.).
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

283. Évreux Cath. and See (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey orders that the bishop is to have his tithes of Verneuil (Eure)

G(alfridus) dux Normann(orum) et comes And(egavorum) G(uidoni) de Sablol(io) et Willelmo Lovello atque prepositis et ballivis suis de V(er)nolio et de Nonancort salutem et dilectionem. Mando atque vobis precipio quod episcopo Ebroic(ensi) reddatis omnes decimas suas et de V(er)nolio et de Nonancort sicut eas umquam melius habuit in tempore H(enrici) regis, et sicut carta ejus garentizat, ita quod eas habeat prout temp(us) ierit ad voluntatem suam, et de tempore transacto quicquid ei debetur absque dilatione reddatis. Insuper etiam vobis precipio ne quid inde amittat neque pro refactura molendinorum neque pro augmentatione reddite (*sic*) supradictarum villarum. De pace vero fracta, mando vobis quod ei inde quicquid habere debuerit plenarie reddi faciatis, scilicet ix l(ibras) sicut carta H(enrici) regis garantizat. Tibi et(iam)Willelme (*sic*) Lovel precipio quod justiciam ei facias Gisleberto [nummario].[1] Teste Thoma cancellario. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *MS.* mu(n)nario. *The emendation is Haskins's, but the steward of Robert Earl of Leicester was called Gilbertus de Mineriis and it may be he who is intended.*

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 42 (no. cxcv).
Printed: Le Prévost, *Mémoires et notes . . . de l'Eure* (1869), ii. 488 (cal.); Haskins, 140, no. 6.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

284. Exeter Cath. and See (April 1136–21 Nov. 1136)

Confirmation of the churches of St. Petroc, St. Stephen, etc.

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, ego Stephanus Willelmi Anglorum primi regis nepos, totiusque Anglie rex ac moderator notum facio omnibus, clero simul et [po]pulo, tam presentis seculi quam futuri, quia dei misericordia compunctus, pro absolutione peccatorum meorum et salute anim[e me]e, concedo et confirmo Sancte Marie et Sancto Petro Exoniensis ecclesie has subscriptas ecclesias, ita om[ni]modis liberas et quietas sic[ut] eas donatas esse a preclaris regibus predecessoribus meis ipsorum carth[e test]antur. Ecclesiam, videlicet, Sancti Petroci, Sancti Stephani, Perani, Tohov, Probas cum omnibus terris [juste] ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus geldis querelis et consuetudinibus sicut fuer[unt tem]poribus antecessorum meorum. Preter hec autem, tres ecclesias in Devonia quas pie memorie Willelmus, avus meus, Willelmo episcopo Exonie, dum adhuc capellanus suus esset, dedit; ecclesiam scilicet de Plutona, ecclesiam de Branctona, et ecclesiam Sancti Stephani intra ipsam [c]ivitatem Exonie ipsas concedo sedi episcopali Exonie, hereditario jure imperpetuum obtinendas, pro redemptione anime mee et paren[tum meorum], cum omnibus terris et decimis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quiet[as] ab omnibus consuetudinibus et querelis sicut avus meus predicto Willelmo dederat. Necnon et ecclesiam [d]e Culintona, quam Henricus rex avunculus meus Willelmo episcopo dederat, similiter concedo et confirmo sedi episcopali Exonie, pro remissione peccatorum meorum, cum terris et decimis et omnibus rebus ad eam juste pertinentibus. Et ut hec ita data inviolabiliter et inconcusse sub eterno munimento permaneant signo Sancte Crucis consignata coram testibus subscriptis dimitto.

Ego Will(elmu)s Cantuariensis archiep(iscopu)s	confirmo	Ego Mathildis regina	consigno
Ego Turstin(us) Eboracensis archiep(iscopu)s	confirmo	Ego Rob(er)t(us) comes de Gloecest(ria)	consigno
Ego Henric(us) Wintoniensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Will(elmu)s comes de Sudreia	consigno
Ego Rogerius Saresberiensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Symon comes de Norha(m)tona	consigno
Ego Alexander Lincoliensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Roger(us) comes de Warewic	consigno
Ego Ebrard(us) Norwicensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Rob(er)t(us) comes de Legrecest(ria)	consigno

Ego [Ni]gellus Elyensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Walter(us) comes de Bukingeha(m)	consigno
Ego Safrid(us) Cicestrensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Rob(er)t(us) fili(us) Ricardi dapifer	consigno
Ego G[a]ufrid(us) Dunelmensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Hugo Bigod(us)	consigno
Ego Roger(us) Covintrensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Will(elmu)s de Albinneio	consigno
Ego Symon Wigornensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Rob(er)t(us) de Oilli	consigno
Ego Bernardus de S(an)c(t)o D(avi)d ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Rob(er)t(us) de Ver	consigno
Ego Rob(er)tus Herefordensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Alberic(us) de Ver	consigno
Ego Rob(er)tus Bathoniensis ep(is)c(opus)	confirmo	Ego Ricard(us) Basset	consigno
Eg[o] Roger(us) Cancellari(us)	confirmo	Ego Guido de Nunant	consigno
Ego Rob(er)tus Abas (*sic*) de Tavistoca	confirmo	Ego Will(elmu)s fili(us) Odonis	consigno
Ego Indu . . . [Abbas de] Alvendon	confirmo	Ego G[o]isb . . .	consigno
Ego		[Ego]n de [ ]omei[	consigno]
Ego		[Ego]ger de Alleto	[consi]gno
Ego		[Ego W]illelmus filius Ri[cardi]	c]onsigno
Ego		[Ego Hu]nf[ri]dus de Bohu[n]	consigno
Ego		[Ego W]alterus filius Tursti[ni]	consigno
		[Ego Wi]llelmus Capra	consigno

MS.: Exeter D. and C. *2073, pretended original, 11½″ × 19¾″, written in bookhand by an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 215), badly damaged and mounted amateurishly on vellum, possibly in Dean Littleton's time. A tear in the middle extends two-thirds of the way down the text, and the bottom of the document is fragmentary. A note in an eighteenth-century hand (possibly Dean Littleton's) says: 'N.B. there was a seal appendant to this deed when I found it, but it was entirely decay'd and dropped from the body of the deed as soon as I touch'd it'.

Printed: *H.M.C. Report on MSS. in Various Collections*, iv (1907), p. 43.

Date: After Robert Earl of Gloucester came to court and before the death of Archbishop William of Corbeil.

Note: This charter is written in a bookhand, apparently by the beneficiary. As in other Exeter charters there are no signa. Roger usually styled himself Bishop of Chester rather than Coventry. William styled himself Earl of Warenne rather than Surrey; Simon styled himself Earl Simon, or of Senlis rather than Northampton; Walter styled himself Earl Giffard (or Count of Longueville) rather than Earl of Buckingham. None of these styles is in itself fatal to the authenticity of the charter, but their cumulative effect is irresistible. On the other hand eight of the witnesses (Archbishop of York, Bishops of Winchester and St. Davids, Roger the chancellor, the Earls of Gloucester and Warenne, Robert de Vere and Robert fitz Richard) witness **337** which is dated 1136 and was given at Exeter in the siege.

285. Exeter Cath. and See (1139–45, at Winchester)

Grant of land in Colyton (Devon) with the hundred of Colyton, to restore the damages done to the cathedral in the siege of Exeter (1136)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Petri de Exonia in perpetuam elemosinam septem libratas et decem solidatas de dominio meo de Colintona cum hundreto pro restauratione dampnorum que feceram eidem ecclesie in obsidione. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia terram illam cum hundreto bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam de omnibus secularibus exactionibus et servitiis.

Testibus Rob(er)to de V(er), et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Ric(ard)o de Lucy, et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Winton(iam).

MSS.: *Exeter D. and C. MS. 3672, p. 34; P.R.O. Chart. R. 36 Ed. III, m. 12; Powderham Castle (the Earl of Devon), Courtenay Cart., f. 142v.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 172. *H.M.C. 9th Report*, App. ii. p. 406, col. 1.
Date: Richard de Luci not in England before 1139; Turgis of Avranches revolted 1145. Cullompton was royal demesne in 1086 (D.B. i. 100b) and rendered £11. 10*s. ad pondus et arsuram.*

286. Exeter, Priory of St. Nicholas (1136–41, and possibly Aug. 1138, at Shrewsbury)

The reeve and burghers of Exeter to re-seise the monks of St. Nicholas with the land formerly of Algar Paiard

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) preposito et burgensibus Exonie salutem. Si monachi S(ancti) N(icholai) Exon(ie) poterint ostendere quod ipsi fuissent saisiati de terra que fuit Algar(i) Paiard(i) die qua H(enricus) rex fuit vivus et mortuus et prima die coronationis mee, et postea sint inde dissaisiati injuste et sine judicio, tunc precipio vobis quod eos inde resaisiatis sine omni dilatione et occasione. Et tantum inde faciatis ne amplius audiam inde clamorem. T(este) Rob(erto) Avenel. Apud Salopesb(er)ia(m).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius D. ix, f. 75v.
Printed: van Caenegem, no. 87.
Date: Robert Avenel seems an early witness. Stephen had virtually no power in Devon from 1141, and possibly not from 1139. Though Stephen besieged and captured Shrewsbury in Aug. 1138, he could have been there on other occasions also.

287. Eye Priory (1136–March 1137, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of a four-days-fair on August 1–4 annually

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicensi et justicie et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norfolcia et Sudfolcia salutem. Sciatis me concessisse priori et monachis ecclesie Sancti Petri de Heia quod habeant unam feriam in anno per quatuor dies que incipiat in die festi Sancti Petri ad vincula. Et volo et precipio quod habeant eam cum consuetudinibus et libertatibus que sunt in aliis feriis per Angliam. Et omnes illuc euntes et inde redeuntes cum omnibus mercatis suis meam firmam pacem habeant, dando suas rectas consuetudines. Et nullus eos super hoc neque res eorum injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. Testibus A(lexandro) episcopo Lincolniensi, et E(verardo) episcopo Norwicensi, et N(igello) episcopo de Eli, et R(ogero) cancellario, et comite de Warenna, et R(oberto) filio Ricardi, et A(da) de Belnaco. Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 20 Ric. II, m. 5; Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, D/D By. Q. 19 (Eye Cartulary), f. 22v; B.M. Add. MS. 8177, ff. 116 and 134 (from the cartulary).
Printed: * *C.C.R.* v. 362.
Date: Robert fitz Richard d. 28 Nov. 1137, so this charter must have been given before Stephen left for Normandy in March 1137.

288. Eye Priory (*c.* Dec. 1137–March 1138, at Eye)

General confirmation

Quoniam divina misericordia providente cognovimus esse dispositum, et longe lateque predicante ecclesia sonat omnium auribus divulgatum, quod eleemosinarum largitione possunt absolvi vincula peccatorum et adquiri celestium premia gaudiorum. Ego ✠ Stephan(us) dei gratia Anglorum rex, partem habere volens cum illis qui felici commercio celestia pro terrenis com[m]utant, dei amore compunctus, et pro salute anime mee ✠ et patris mei matrisque mee et omnium parentum meorum ✠ et antecessorum meorum regum ✠ Will(el)mi scilicet regis avi mei, ✠ et Will(el)mi avunculi mei. ✠ et Henrici regis avunculi mei ✠ et Rotb(er)ti Malet, et consilio baronum meorum concedo deo et ecclesie sancti Petri de Eia et monachis ibidem in dei servitio congregatis, ut habeant omnes res suas quietas et liberas ab omni exactione. Et teneant eas in terris in decimis in ecclesiis in omnibus

possessionibus sicut umquam melius et honorabilius tenuerunt tempore Rotb(er)ti Malet et tempore meo antequam rex essem cum soca et saca et tol et tem et infanganathief ✠. Precipio etiam ut teneant de quocumque tenebant, et non mittantur in placitum, sicut tenebant die qua Henric(us) rex fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua ad regni coronam perveni. Sit etiam ipsa ecclesia in meo dominio cum rebus subscriptis. Concedo ecclesiam de Holessl', de Dinevet, de Bordenis, de Suttun', de Stadebroc, de Wingefel(da) et mercatum et thelonium de Orefort, preter navium que pertinent ad firmam de Donew(ico), p(ro)p(ter) ✠ xxx solidos.[1] Ecclesiam ipsam ubi monachi habitant cum terris suis, decimam de Eia, duodecim solidos de foro, unam feriam per quatuor dies ad festum Sancti Petri Kalendas Augusti; nullusque in feria habeat potestatem nisi monachi et homines eorum. Et omnes illuc venientes et inde redeuntes habeant meam firmam pacem, nullusque eos in aliquo disturbet super decem libras forisfacture ✠. Habeat etiam ecclesia eandem libertatem de episcopo, de archidiacono, de decano, quam habuit a tempore regis Eadwardi et a tempore Eadrici de Lexefelda [et regis H(enrici)] ✠.[2] Sitque de priore ponendo et removendo sicut constitutum fuit in tempore Rotb(er)ti Malet. ✠ Habeat etiam omnes decimas de maneriis sicut habuit in tempore Rotb(er)ti Malet, scilicet de Eia Stedebroc, Radi(n)gefeldia, Dinevet', Tatinget', Bethingha(m), Keleton', Olesleia, Leest', Donewic', Lessefeld', Bergebi, Welleburn, Seggebroc, Colu(m), Cave. ✠ Concedo etiam ecclesias has de Beweseia, de Segebroc,[3] Bergebi, et ecclesias de Donewico que facte sunt ac faciende, de Bedingeha(m), Lessefeld', et presbiterum ejusdem ville. Et de omnibus meis silvis decimam pasnagii.[4] Piscariam etiam de Welles atque totam Bedefeldiam, Stocas, Pelecoc, Frasingefeld. Hec etiam terre quod habebant tempore Rotb(er)ti Malet in Bedingeham, et omnia inconcusse teneant. Concedo etiam ecclesiam Sancti Botulfi de Ica cum appendiciis suis quam dedit Will(elmus) de Rovill(a) et Beat(r)ix uxor ejus, et terram Godeni de Iakl(ea) et ea que habebant in Donewico eodem Rotberto vivente. ✠ Horum igitur supradictorum socam et sacam in omnibus concedo, et nominatim in Donewico, et decimas meorum hominum Walterii, scilicet, arbalestarii. Et ecclesiam Sancte Margarete de Halgestowe et terram que ei pertinet. Decimam quoque Rogeri filii Walteri de Hontingfeld' et de Benges, Ricardi Hoveel de Wiverdest, de Geslingesh', Richingehal', Reindun', decimam Hugonis de Alvilario in Brom et in Selfhangers. Et hoc quod Alwin(us) presbiter tenet de eo in Beria, decimam Will(elmi) de Bovilla in Clakestorp et in Glemeha(m), et de triginta acris quas tenet Will(el)m(us) Bole de feodo comitis Brittannie. Decimam Will(el)mi Gulafri Unchenell. Decimam Petri de Bedingefeld', decimam de Pleeford et ecclesiam ville, et Aluricum Delfen cum sua terra. Decimam Hernaldi filii Rogeri in Witingeha(m) et Ascheton'. Terram Osberti de C(ra)tevill in Acolt, et hoc quod dictus Benedictus capellanus tenebat de Rotb(erto) Malato in decimis et rebus aliis. Decimam Will(elmi) de Pesensale. Decimam Jordani de Willebehe, v solidos de Pentenhahe quos Will(elmus) de Rovilla dedit. iii solidatas quas tenet Joh(annes) filii (*sic*) Rotb(erti). Terram Alwini filii Wulsta(ni) in Bedefeld(a). Septem solidatas quas tenet Wulmer presbiter de Codenham. Decimam Humfridi filii Unuei. Decimam Radulfi Grossi de Gretinges. Duodecim solidos de aquitancia in Aldesen. Terram Wulmari in Akesleia. Et preter hec supradicta concedo eis quod decima eorum de Donewico crescat quoquo anno in denariis et harengis et in omnibus aliis rebus secundum hoc quod redditus mei ibidem cresc(en)t. Teste Nig(ello) Eliensi ep(iscop)o, et Roger(o) cancell(ario), Henrico nepote reg(is) Steph(ani), Galer(anno) com(ite) de Mell(ento), Rob(erto) fil(io) Ric(ardi), Will(elmo) Mart(el,) Ada de Beln(aco), Joh(anne) Maresc(allo), Hub(erto) de Munc(henesi), Joh(anne) filio Rob(erti) vicec(omitis), Gauffredo fil(io) Walt(eri), Will(elmo) fil(io) Rog(eri), Herv(eio) de Gla(nvilla), Ricardo de Alenc', Roger(o) de Hosa. Anno ab incarnatione MCXXXVII° apud Eia(m) secundo anno regni mei in tempore Ebrardi ep(iscop)i Norwicens(is) et Gausleni prioris Eie.[5] *Ipse rex subscripsit*, ✠ *Eustachi(us) fili(us) ej(us)*,[6] ✠ *subscripsit*. ✠ *Maltildis regina subscripsit*, *Will(el)m(us) Cantuariensis archi-*

[1] *Originally* de Donew(ico) ✠ Ecclesiam. *The words* propter xxx solidos *have been added in the gap on either side of the cross.*

[2] et regis Henrici *apparently added*

[3] Segebroc *in paler ink over an erasure*

[4] pasnagii *apparently added*

[5] *Original hand ends here. The rest written in imitation of same hand*

[6] *Tag intervenes*

ep(is)c(opus)subsc(ripsit),✠Turstan(us) Eboracensis archiep(is)c(opus)subsc(ri)p(sit),✠Alexand(er)[6] *Lincolniensis ep(iscopu)s subsc(ri)p(sit), ✠Henric(us) Wintoniens(is) ep(is)c(opus) subsc(ri)p(sit), Joh(anne)s ✠Rofensis ep(is)c(opus) subsc(ri)p(sit), ✠Evrard(us) Norwic(ensis) ep(is)c(opus), ✠Simon Wigornens(is) ep(is)c(opus) subscripser(un)t,*[6] *Rotb(er)t(us) Heref(ordensis) ep(is)c(opus), et Rotb(er)t(us) Badonens(is) ep(is)c(opus), et Gisleb(er)t(us) Lundoniensis ep(is)c(opus) subsc(ripserunt). Quicunque aliquid de his que in hac continentur auferre aut*[1] *minuere aut disturbare scienter voluerit, auctoritate dei omnipotentis patris et filii et spiritus sancti et sanctorum apostolorum et omnium sanctorum sit excommunicatus*[6] *anathematizatus, et a consortio dei et liminibus sancte ecclesie sequestratus donec resipiscat et regie potestati xxx libras auri persolvat. Fiat. Fiat. Fiat. Am[en A]*[6]*men Amen.*

[6] *Tag intervenes*

MSS.: Robinson Trust, 8 Waterloo Place, London, S.W. 1; *original, 22⅝″ × 28″, in the hand of an unknown scribe, with fragment of Stephen's first seal in pink wax on a tag which passes through five slits at the foot of the charter which has no fold. The tag has subsequently been reinforced with gold cord, though this is not attached to the seal itself. An early drawing of the seal is in B.M. Cotton MS., Vitellius F. iv, f. 79. Transcripts in the Eye Cartulary deposited at the Essex Record Office (D/D By. Q. 19) and in B.M. Add. MS. 8177, ff. 115 and 133ᵛ (from the Cartulary). Also in P.R.O. Pat. R. 7 Ed. II, pt. i, m. 19, and Chart. R. 20 Ric. II, m. 5.

Printed: Selden, *History of Tythes* (1618), p. 346; *Monast.* iii. 405.

Date: The subscriptions and anathema (here printed in italics) are an addition in a later hand, so the anachronism of 'Gilbert' Bishop of London is unimportant. Stephen's charters take 25 March as the beginning of the calendar year; this fact and the attestation of Waleran of Meulan (who was in Normandy during the winter 1136–7) prove that this charter must have been given after, and not before Stephen's visit to Normandy (March–28 Nov. 1137).

289. Eye Priory (1136–54, at Cambridge)

Grant of the holding of Benedict the chaplain, viz. Stoke

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justicie et omnibus baronibus de Norfolch et Suffolch salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie de Eya totam tenuram Bened(ic)ti capellani, videlicet de Stoke, et omnes res eidem tenure pertinentes in ecclesiis et decimis et elemosinis. Quare volo et precipio quod Rob(ertu)s capellanus teneat et recognoscat illa de priore et de conventu predicte ecclesie dum vixerit, exceptis terris quas prior poterit monstrare quod prestite fuerunt supradicto B(enedicto) de suo dominio. Et post mortem ipsius Rob(er)ti remaneant supradicte ecclesie quiete. T(estibus) R(oberto) fili(o) Walteri, et Ad(a) de Belnaco. Aput Cantabrige.

MSS.: Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, *D/D By. Q. 19 (Eye Cartulary), f. 22 (no. xvi). Copies in B.M. Add. MS. 8177, ff. 116, 134.

290. Eye Priory (19 Dec. 1148–1154, at Eye)

The priory to have justice concerning its church of Welbourne (Lincs.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) R(oberto) ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi) salutem. Mando vobis quod plenam justiciam faciatis priori et monachis de Eya de Hugone de Baiocis donec es reddat ecclesiam suam de Weleburn cum decimis et omnibus aliis pertinent(iis) suis. Ne super hoc in(de) clamorem audiam pro penuria justicie. Quare recordor quod ecclesia sua de Eya insaisita erat tempore quo manerium de Weleburne erat in manu mea. T(este) Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Eya(m).

MSS.: Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, *D/D By. Q. 19 (Eye Cartulary), f. 22ᵛ (no. xviii) (T). Copies in B.M. Add. MS. 8177, ff. 117, 134.

Date: Robert Bishop of Lincoln consecrated 19 Dec. 1148.

291. Eye Priory (1135–54, at Chertsey)

Grant of a fair at Bawsey (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicensi justicie vicecomiti baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolcia et Sudfolcia salutem. Sciatis quia

concedo J(ocelino)priori de Eia et monachis quod ipsi habeant feriam apud Beuseiam ad festum Sancte Marie in Septembri; et incipiat in vigilia festi et duret eadem die et in crastino, scilicet die festi tota die. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod omnes homines illuc euntes et ibidem morantes et inde redeuntes juste habeant meam firmam pacem, ne super hoc injuste disturbentur super x libras forisfacture. Testibus Roberto de Ver, et Fulcone de Oill(i). Apud Certesiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 20 Ric. II, m. 5.
Printed: **C.C.R.* v. 362.

292. Eynsham Abbey (1136–9, at Oxford)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus et baronibus et justiciis et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Waltero abbati de Egnesham omnes terras suas unde saisitus fuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et ideo volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice teneat cum soca et saca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis infra burgum et extra sicut unquam melius et quietius tenuit tempore regis Henrici et sicut carta ejus testatur. Testibus episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et episcopo Linc(olniensi), et Roberto de Ver. Apud Oxenefordiam.

MSS.: Ch. Ch., Oxford, *Eynsham Reg., f. 18; B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. xv, f. 9^{v} (from the above).
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, i. 51; Stevens, *Ancient Abbeys*, ii, App., p. 100; *Monast.* iii. 20 (incomplete).
Date: Before the arrest of the bishops.

293. Eynsham Abbey (1139–40, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the Sunday market at Eynsham (Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincolniensi et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecomit(i) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenefordscir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati et monachis de Egnesham quod habeant mercatum die dominica singulis septimanis ad Egnesham. Et precipio quod omnes illi homines qui illuc venerint in eundo et redeundo et ibi morando habeant meam firmam pacem, ita ne super hoc in aliquo disturbentur injuste super x libras forisfacture. Testibus Rob(erto) de Oili, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Turg(isio) de Abr(incis), et Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis), et Hug(one) de Chaisn(eia), et Willelmo de [G]laston(ia).[1] Apud Oxeneford(iam).

[1] *MS.* Elaston

MSS.: Ch. Ch., Oxford, *Eynsham Reg., f. 17^{v}; B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. xv, f. 9^{v} (from the above); P.R.O. Pat. R. 1 Ric. II, pt. 2, m. 29–28.
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, i. 51; *Monast.* iii. 20; Stevens, ii, App., p. 100.
Date: After Richard de Lucy came to England and before the defection of Robert d'Oilly.

294. Eynsham Abbey (1139–40, at Oxford)

Grant of 7 acres in the forest of Bloxham (Oxon.) to the church of St. John

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincolniensi justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea, deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis de foresta de Blocchesham et monachis ibidem deo servientibus vii acras terre in prefata foresta in incrementum ejusdem loci. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi illas predictas vii acras bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant sicut unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt aliam terram suam tempore regis Henrici cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus tunc temporis tenebant. Testibus Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elm)o Martel, et Ric(ardo) de Camvill(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Bern(ardo) de Claromonte. Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MSS.: Ch. Ch., Oxford, *Eynsham Reg., f. 18; B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. xv, f. 9v (from Reg.).
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, i. 52.
Date: After Wm. of Ypres and Ric. Luci came to England. As the charter is really confirming one of Waleran C. Meulan (ibid. i. 52) it must be previous to his defection. Stephen was at Lincoln or in captivity for the first 10 months of 1141.

295. Eynsham (1141–2, at Oxford)

The empress grants freedom from pleas, shires, hundreds, etc.

M(athildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Angl(orum) domina vicecomiti et ministris de Oxenefordescira salutem. Precipio quod terra et homines abbatis de Egnesham sint in pace et quieti de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et omnibus rebus excepta murdro et latrocinio, sicut erant tempore regis Henrici patris mei et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Teste A(lexandro) de Buh(un). Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 1 Ric. II, pt. 2, m. 29–28.
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, ii. 155; *C.P.R. 1377–81*, p. 62.
Date: While Matilda held Oxford.

296. Eynsham (May 1141–June 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants the church of Combe (Oxon.)

Mathildis imperatrix regis H(enrici) filia et Anglorum domina omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus tam Francis quam Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro anima regis H(enrici) patris mei et pro mea et filiorum meorum salute, monasterio et conventui Sancte Marie de Egnesham ecclesiam de Cumba cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut idem conventus Egneshamie prefatam ecclesiam de Cumba bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice in perpetuam elemosinam teneant cum omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus. T(estibus) Roberto fratre meo comite de Gloec(estria), Joh(anne) de Sancto Joh(ann)e, Rob(erto) de Oili, Gaufrido Luvel. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MSS.: Ch. Ch., Oxford, * Eynsham Reg., f. 17v; B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. xv f. 9v (from Reg.).
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, i. 51; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 391; Stevens, ii, App., p. 100; *Monast.* iii. 120 (incomplete).
Date: While the empress was at Oxford and the Earl of Gloucester in England.

297. Eynsham Abbey (1152–4, at Oxford)

The abbot to hold his land at Histon (Cambs.) in peace

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) const(abulario) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris ejus de Cantebr(igge)sch(ira) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod permittatis Godefridum abbatem de Egnesham tenere terram suam et homines suos et omnia sua de Histona bene et in pace, et libere et quiete de placitis et querelis et shiris et hundredis et omnibus rebus, ne super hoc infestetis eos in aliquo, neque injuriam vel contumeliam faciatis. Teste W(illelmo) de Caisn(eto). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 31 Ed. III, pt. 3, m. 11.
Printed: *Cart. Eynsham*, ii. 155; *C.P.R. 1354–8*, p. 632.
Date: Godfrey became abbot in 1152.

298. Falaise, Abbey of St. John (1137, at Falaise)

Confirmation of the gift of Robert fitz Goinfrid

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Roth(omagensi) et episcopis et abbatibus et comitibus et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quoniam Robertus filius Goinfr(idi) inperpetuum concessit Sancto [Johanni et] canonicis suis de Fal(es)ia finaliter in elemosina tenere totam terram et quicquid ipse Goinfr(idus) pater suus eis in vita sua dederat. Et hoc fecit per xxxv m(arcas) argenti quas inde habuit. Et ad ampliorem illius rei certitudinem et stabilitatem mihi affidavit concessu heredum suorum quod hoc teneret in presentia episcopi Johannis Lexoviensis. T(estibus) eodem Johanne episcopo Lexov(iensi), et R(ogero) canc(ellario), et R(oberto) de Corci, et

Ing(elramno)[1] de Sai, et R(icardo) Falcavilla, et Erneis Multone, et G(er)vas(io) Cornet, et Rob(erto) Cornet, et Willelmo francigena, et Vitalio filio Amerland(i), et fratribus suis. Apud Fal(es)iam.

[1] *MS.* Vig

MS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *H. 4032 (item 4 *vidimus*).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 118 (incomplete); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 321 (calendared); *C.D.F.*, no. 611.
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy. Robert fitz Goinfrid's gift was made in or before 1132 (*Regesta*, ii. 1742, 1764, or cclxvi, cclxx).

299. Falaise, Hospital of (1150–1, at Falaise)

Duke Henry confirms the mill at Falaise, and the hospital's lands generally

H(enricus) dux Normannorum archiepiscopis et episcopis et abbatibus comitibus et omnibus filiis sancte ecclesie per Normanniam constitut[is][1] salutem. *Sciatis* quoniam *ego H(enricus)* dux Normannorum *concedo et do deo et hospitali Falesie et fratribus tam clericis quam laicis in eo deservientibus in elemosinam [perpetuam pro remiss]ione peccatorum meorum et salute animarum parentum meorum molendin*am *me*am (*sic*) *de Falesia qu*am Goinfr(idus) et canonici fecerunt *et terram ferie. Et preterea concedo et confirmo eidem hospitali totam terram et omnes domos et furnos et omnes redditus et res cujuscumque sint g(e)n(er)is quas Goinfridus ei hospitali et fratribus in elemosinam concessit in Anglia et in Normannia et villa Falesie, et quas ipse vel aliquis alter quicumque sit* legaliter eis *dedit vel in futurum ded*erit in aliquo *tempore. Ego* vero *ipsum hospitalem et fratres meos qui in eo sunt in custodia et propria manu[s] mee protectione conservans tamquam meam* propriam *elemosinam*, eos *et omnes eorum possessiones et res* presentes et futuras *quietas et solutas a teloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine et querela et occasionibus et omnibus exactionibus nunc et* in sempiternum *statuo. Et* ut *hec omnia ut supramemoratum est* illis quiete et integre perdurent, *a deo mihi collata potestate* concedo et *corroboro*. Test(ibus) W(illelmo) cancell(ario), Alexandro de Bo(hu)n, Rob(erto) de Curce, Gui(done)[2] de Sabl(ole), Jordane Tesson, W. mariscalco, Rad(ulfo) de Pom(er)ia. Data apud Falesiam.

[1] *MS.* constitute [2] *MS.* Siu

MS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *H. 4032 (item 3 in *vidimus*).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 13*; *C.D.F.* no. 612 (cal.).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy but before he was Count of Anjou.
Cf. the charter of Henry I, dated 1132, (*Regesta* ii, no. 1742 and cclxvi) from which the passages in italics are derived.

300. Faversham Abbey (*c.* 1148, at Bermondsey)

Grant of Faversham for the foundation of a Cluniac abbey, William of Ypres having been recompensed with Lillechurch (Kent) and the surplus from Milton (Kent)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis et episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro salute anime mee et Mathild(is) regine uxoris mee et E(ustachii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et antecessorum meorum regum Angl(ie) manerium meum de Favresham ad fundandam abbatiam unam ibidem de ordine monacorum Cluniacensium. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod abbas et monachi ibidem deo servientes imperpetuum teneant et possideant manerium illud et abbatiam suam ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis et stagnis et portubus et omnibus aliis locis et rebus cum socna et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus aliqua ecclesia regni mei melius et liberius et quietius tenet. Sciatis etiam quod dedimus ego et Mathild(is) regina uxor mea Will(elm)o de Ipra in escambium pro eodem manerio de Favresham, Lillechirc(he) cum pertinentiis suis de hereditate regine, et superplus in manerio meo de Middeltona. T(estibus) H(enric)o ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi) fr(atr)e meo, et Rob(er)to ep(iscop)o London(iensi), et com(ite) E(ustachio) filio meo, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et R(oberto)

de V(er), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ard)o de Luci, et H(enrico) de Essexa, et R(icardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Bermundesiam.

MSS : P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. II, no. 48; C.C.C. Cambridge, MS. cxi, p. 280, apparently from Chart. R.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 573.
Date: The abbey of Faversham was founded in 1148, 'hoc anno incepit locus Sancti Salvatoris de Feversham' (*Ann. Mon.* (R.S.) iii. 438). Gervase (R.S.) i. 138 records that Clarembald the first abbot (and formerly prior of Bermundsey) was blessed by, and made his profession of obedience to, Archbishop Theobald on Nov. 11. He puts this among the events of 1147 in error, his own narrative proving that it was after the Council of Reims (March 1148), since the four bishops present at the blessing of Clarembald had first to be absolved from the sentence which they had incurred for not attending the council.
Faversham and Milton were *terra regis* in 1086 (D.B. i. 2ᵛ). Lillechurch is not in D.B., but Higham to which it (later) belonged was part of Odo of Bayeux's land.

301. Faversham Abbey (Q.M.) (1148–52, presumably at Canterbury)

Grant of the manor of Tring (Herts.)

M(athildis) regina Angl(orum) omnibus Christi fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem in domino sempiternam. Sciatis me dedisse et confirmasse et concessisse abbati et monachis ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Faveresham in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam manerium meum de Trenges cum omnibus pertin(entiis) suis pro salute anime mee et omnium fidelium. Quare volo et precipio quod predicti abbas et monachi de Faveresham predictum manerium de Trenges habeant et teneant bene et in pace cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad me vel ad heredes meos spectantibus imperpetuum quietum et solutum ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus sectis et demandis. T(estibus) Theobaldo archiep(iscop)o Cantuar(iensi), H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Wynton(iensi), Nigello Eliens(i) ep(iscop)o, W(illelmo) ep(iscop)o Norwic(ensi), Waltero Rofensi ep(iscop)o, Henr(ico) de Essexe, Ric(ardo) de Luci, et multis aliis.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. II, no. 48.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 574 (5).
Date: After the foundation of the abbey (1148) and before the death of the queen (3 May 1152). Cf. **302**.

302. Faversham Abbey (1148–52, at Canterbury)

Confirmation of the manors of Faversham (Kent) and Tring (Herts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse abbati et monachis de Sancto Salvatore de Favresham manerium de Favresham cum omnibus pertinentiis illius in perpetuam elemosinam ad fundandam in illo unam abbatiam, et preterea manerium de Treungla[1] cum omni pertinentia illius in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute Mathild(is) regine uxoris mee et omnium fidelium. Quare volo et precipio quod monachi illi et ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris maneria illa bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis eorum in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et molendinis in viis et semitis et in omnibus rebus cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus in perpetuam elemosinam, soluta et quieta omni seculari exactione. T(estibus) T(heobaldo) archiep(iscop)o Cantuar(iensi), et H(enrico) ep(iscop)o de Wint(onia), et Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o de Eli, et W(illelmo) ep(iscop)o Norwycen(si), et Walt(ero) ep(iscop)o Rovec(estriensi), et comite[2] Eust(achio), et Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Cant(uariam).

[1] *C.A.* Triangle [2] *MS. Ch. Roll* comite de Eust'

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. II, no. 48; Cartae Antiquae, Roll 13, m. 3d, no. 38.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 573; *The Cartae Antiquae Rolls 11–20*, p. 76.
Date: Same as **301**.

303. Fécamp Abbey (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the abbey's control of all the sea-ports between Étigue (in Vattetot-s.-mer) and Liergan (in S. Aubin-s.-mer) (Seine-Maritime)

Gaufredus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus hominibus Fiscanni salutem. Sciatis me vidisse cartam ecclesie Fiscanni que testatur ecclesie Fiscanni portus

maris de Stigas usque ad Leregant. Ideo mando vobis et prohibeo quod vos non intromittatis de aliqua re que ad portus istos veniat vel sit, nisi per manum Henrici abbatis vel servientium suorum, quia in ipsis nichil habeo. Teste Raginaldo de Sancto Walerico. Apud Rothomagum.

MSS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar. (mislaid); Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin, N.A. 1245, f. 122, and Rouen, Bibl. Mun., MS. 1210, f. 17 (modern copies).
Printed: *Haskins, 133.

304. Fécamp Abbey (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey and his son confirm Abbot Henry de Sully in his abbey's rights

G(aufridus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) et H(enricus) filius ejus H(ugoni) archiepiscopo episcopis baronibus et omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris et fidelibus et justiciis suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quia ego et Henricus filius meus concedimus et actoritate (*sic*) sigilli nostri confirmamus Henrico abbati Fiscanni et ecclesie Fiscannensi omnes consuetudines suas et dignitates in ecclesiis in terris in aquis in portibus in silvis in placitis et in omnibus aliis rebus ad ecclesiam pertinentibus sicut Ricardi carta testatur, etiam in decimis. Eapropter volo et precipio quod ecclesia teneat libere et quiete et honorifice absque ulla inquietatione vel imminutione secularis vel judiciare potestatis. Et si aliquis super hoc aliquid presumpserit, ego capiam emendationem quam Comes Ricardus instituit. T(estibus) Ph(ilippo) ep(iscop)o Baioc(ensi), Ric(ardo) ep(iscopo) Abric(ensi), Ric(ardo) cancell(ario), Ragin(aldo) de S(anc)to Waler(ico) dapiffero, Rob(erto) de Novoburgo, Osb(erto) de Cailleio, Goffer(io) de Bruer(ia), Absalo(n) Roinard(o), Goisb(erto) sine terra, Ridello de Releio, Engerano de Guasculil, Henrico de Ferreris. Data carta ista apud Rothom(agum).

MSS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *7 H 12 (original, 9¼″ × 4¼″, written in an unidentified hand; folded at foot, with a slot for the tag. Tag and seal missing); copies in Rouen, Bibl. Mun., MS. Y 51, f. 13 (cartulary copy); Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin, N.A. 2412, p. 29.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 8* and Atlas, pl. i (facs.); *C.D.F.*, no. 126 (cal.).
Date: While Geoffrey was duke, and while his son Henry was in Normandy.

305. Fécamp Abbey (April–Dec. 1154, at Rouen)

Duke Henry announces the judgment of his court that the abbot is to have tithes from cultivated land in the forest of Fécamp

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aq(ui)t(anorum) et com(es) And(egavorum) omnibus illis qui in foresta Fisca(n)ni terram colunt, salutem. Sciatis quod in curia mea consideratum est quod abbas de Fisca(n)no habeat decimam de terra foreste Fisca(n)ni sicut prius habuit de pasnagio et feris. Quare precipio firmiter ut eam ei plenarie reddatis. Et si non feceritis, Rob(ertus) de Novoburgo illud fieri faciat. T(este) Arn(ulfo) ep(iscop)o Lexov(iensi). Ap(ud) Rothom(agum).

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *7 H. 12 (original, 2⅛″ × 4⅝″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxiv (T.A.M.B., S. 65) with tongue and wrapper but no seal).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 75* and Atlas, pl. iii (facs.); *C.D.F.*, no. 127 (cal.).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy.

306. Fitz Arthur, Nigel (June 1153–April 1154, at Berkeley)

Duke Henry confirms land in Combe (in Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.) which Nigel had given to his wife in dower

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus suis fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Nigello filio Arturi terram de Cu(m)ma quam Robertus comes Gloecestrie meus avunculus ei prius dederat, et quam ipse Nigellus uxori sue Ald(eve) filie Roberti filii Hard(ingi) in dotalicium dederat. Et concessi ei et uxori sue et heredibus suis terram illam per servitium dimidii militis quamdiu eis guarantizare illam potero. Si vero non possem eis illam guarantizare decem libratas terre de

meo domanio eis in excambium inde per idem servitium darem et servitium illud Roberto filio Hardingi concessi. Et propter recognitionem hujus donationis Nigellus dedit mihi xl marcas argenti, et uxor ejus quendam anulum aureum, quia res de suo dotalicio erat. Preterea concedo eidem Nigello et suis heredibus quicquid Robertus filius Hard(ingi) ei dedit vel dabit de honore Berchel(eie) vel de aliis tenementis suis. Et hec supradicta et omnia alia tenementa sua Nigello et suis heredibus pro posse meo rationabiliter guarantizabo. T(estibus) Manass(ero) Bis(set) dapifero, Rob(erto) filio Hard(ingi), Mauricio filio ejus, Henr(ico) de Oilleio, Hug(one) de Piris, Gauf(rido) de Bruercourt, Pag(ano) Carbonell(o), Henr(ico) Hos(ato), Hub(er)to dapifero, Rob(erto) de Saltemareis. Apud Berchel(eiam).

MS.: *Glos. Records Office*, D 471/T1/2 (original, $9\frac{9}{16}'' \times 3\frac{7}{16}''$, apparently in the same hand as **492** (*ex. inf.* T.A.M.B.), with fold and parchment tag; seal missing).
Printed: *Trans. Bristol and Glos. Arch. Soc.* lxxii (1953), 56–66.
Date: After Henry was styled Duke of Aquitaine and while he was in England.

306a. Fitz Clarembald, Roscelin (Sept.–Dec. 1151, at Rouen)

Duke Henry grants Longchamp on the edge of the forest of Roumare to Roscelin fitz Clarembald

Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis baronibus vicecomitibus justiciis et ministris totius Normannie salutem. Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris me dedisse et concessisse Roscelino filio Claremboudi pro servitio suo totam terram de Longo Campo que in orailla foreste est de Roummare cum Holebuse et hospite vicino a via Grandismare usque ad cheminum Rothomagi sub[1] Sancto Georgio usque ad terram arabilem. Ita quod ipse et heredes sui[2] teneant de me et de heredibus meis in jus hereditarium, bene et in pace, libere et quiete. Et homines sui de illa terra habeant mortuum boscum sine consuetudine, et sint quieti de omni forestagio et herbagio et consuetudine de foresta. Testibus Ric(ardo) canc(ellario), Wid(one) de Sabluel(o),[3] Joslen de Tur(onis),[4] Alexandro de Bohon, Gaufrido de Bruer(ia).[5] Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *MS.* suo
[2] *MS* Ita quod heredes sui ipse et heredes sui
[3] *MS.* Sabruel'
[4] *MS.* Tar'
[5] *MS.* Bruec'

MSS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun. MS. *Y. 52, f. 62 (Boscherville cartulary, 13th cent.); P.R.O. Transcripts 8/140A, no. 98.
Printed: Delisle–Berger no. 40*; Round, *C.D.F.*, no. 201 (calendared).
Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou and Richard was chancellor. Before **116a**.

307. Fitz Count, Reginald (1143–54, at St. Albans)

Grant of the manor of Bonhunt (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) etc. vicecomiti et baronibus etc. suis de Essex [salutem]. Sciatis me concessisse Renaldo filio Comitis et Emeline uxoris ejus manerium de Banhonta in feodo et hereditate, sicut comes Gilbertus illud eis dedit et concessit eis et heredibus suis. Quare etc. in forma predicta. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el), Ricard[o] de Lucy, et Rain(aldo) de Warenna. Apud villam[1] Sancti Albani.

[1] villam *added as afterthought in MS.*

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vitellius F. xii, f. 149 (16th-cent. copy).
Date: Since Stephen gave Bonhunt to Geoffrey de Mandeville *c.* Dec. 1141 (**276**), this grant must be subsequent to Geoffrey's fall in Sept. 1143. The presence of Reginald de Warenne suggests, but does not prove, a date after 1147. For Reginald fitz Count see Round, *Peerage Studies*, 202–5.

307a. Fitz Faganulf, Walter (1136–54, at York)

To hold his lands and churches in York in peace

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et vicecom(iti) et baronibus et ministris et civibus Eboraci salutem. Precipio quod iste Walterus filius Faganulfi presbiteri teneat ecclesias suas in Eboraco et omnes rectitudines suas que illis pertinent

et terras suas quas tenet in burgagio, et nominatim terram suam que est retro monasterium Sancte Marie, ita bene et in pace et juste sicut melius illas tenuit tempore Henrici regis et meo postea, ne super hoc inde ei fiat injuria vel contumelia. Teste R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 323.
Walter subsequently gave his two churches (St. Mary's and St. Margaret's) to St. Leonard's (= St. Peter's hospital); *E.Y.C.*, no. 327.

308. Fitz Geoffrey, Maurice (Sept. 1139–40, at Berkhamstead)

Confirmation of the land in Stebbing (Ess.) given him by Robert Earl of Nottingham

S(tephanus) Rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) baronibus vic(economiti) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse hereditarie Mauricio filio Gaufr(idi) totam terram illam quam comes Rob(ertus) de Noting(ham) ei dedit et concessit in Stabing' cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Quare volo et precipio quod ipse et heredes sui terram illam teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis, cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et quietanciis que ad terram illam pertinent, cum [quibus] prefatus comes Robertus eam unquam melius tenuit, et sicut ipse ei eam dedit et concessit. [Testibus: . . . .][1] canc(ellario), et Alb(erico) de Ver, et Gaufr(ido) de Magnavilla, et Willelmo Mart(el), et Hug(one) . . . . [Apud] Berchamesteda(m).

[1] *Or* b; *MS. torn.*

MS.: B.M. Egerton Ch. 2213 (original, $6\frac{3}{10}'' \times 2\frac{9}{10}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 367), with bottom left corner torn off; tongue and seal missing).
Date: Despite the tear in the MS. it can be seen that the chancellor's name ended in l or b and must have been Phil(ip) or Rob(ert), i.e. after June 1139. It must also be before Geoffrey de Mandeville was *cr.* Earl Essex (some time in 1140). It confirms a charter of Robert Earl of Nottingham (B.M. Add. Ch. 65173) which was given at Tutbury on 26 Sept. 1139, *opud Stutesberiam VI° Kal. Octobris, iiii^to anno imperii regis Stephani* (printed in H.M.C., Var. Coll. vii. 310–11).

309. Fitz Harding, Robert (Jan.–May 1153, at Bristol)

Duke Henry grants the manor of Bitton (Glos.) and £100 of land in Berkeley (Glos.) with permission to build a castle there

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus baronibus et amicis fidelibus Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Rodberto filio Hard(ingi) et heredibus suis manerium de Betthone cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et insuper centum libratas terre in manerio de Berkelai ita libere et quiete in bosco et plano et pascuis et pratis et aquis et viis et terris arabilibus cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum tol et them et soch et sache et belle et burhgiete[1] et infanckenepef et omnibus quietanciis que ibi fuerunt in tempore Henrici regis avi mei in feudo et hereditate, illi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et de heredibus meis per servitium duorum mutatorum accipitrum singulis annis mihi et meis heredibus reddendorum. Et pepigi ei firmare ibi castellum secundum voluntatem ipsius Rodb(er)ti. Et propter hec supradicta dona Rodbertus filius Hardingi devenit meus homo, et ego per fidem meam affidavi ei pactiones supradictas tenere illi atque heredibus suis. Et hoc idem affidavit Raginaldus comes Cornubie, et Rodbertus de Dunstanvilla, et Ricardus de Humez constabularius, et Maneser Biseth dapifer, et Guarinus filius Geroldi camerarius, et Willelmus filius Hamonis, et Philippus de Columbers, qui hujus pactionis testes existunt. Et preter istos testes sunt inde abbas Sancti Augustini de Bristou, et frater Adam canonicus ejus, et Henricus filius Rodberti, et Willelmus Cumin, et Jordanus frater Rodberti, et Jordanus et David nepotes ejus, et Ric(ardus) de Hanum (*sic*). Apud Bristou.

[1] *i.e. bell and burhgate.*

MS.: Berkeley Castle Muniments. *Pretended original, written in the same hand as **310** and **999** (q.v.), with tag and fold but no seal. The last witness should presumably be Ricardus de Haia.
Printed: I. H. Jeayes, *Descriptive Catalogue of the Charters and muniments in the possession of the Rt. Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge at Berkeley Castle* (Bristol 1892), no. 1; *Trans. of the Bristol and Glos. Arch. Soc.* i. (1876), 134.

310. Fitz Harding, Robert (Nov. 1153(?))

Duke Henry grants Berkeley (Glos.) and the whole manor of Berkeley 'hernesse', for the service of one knight or 100s. Also a grant of a market and mint

Henricus dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitanie (*sic*) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus vicecomitibus baronibus justiciis et amicis fidelibus Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Rodberto filio Hard(ingi) et heredibus suis Berkelai et totam Berkelaihernesse manerium cum omnibus appendiciis suis plene et integre sicut erat in tempore Henrici regis avi mei, tenendum in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis per servitium unius militis, vel si Rodbertus aut heredes sui melius voluerint, centum solidos reddant pro servitio militis per annum. Quare volo et precipio ut ipse Rodbertus et heredes sui predictum manerium et omnia pertinentia sua in ecclesiis in nemoribus in planis in pascuis in terris in aquis in viis in semitis et in placitis et in omnibus rebus et eventibus teneant et in perpetuum habeant libere quiete et honorifice cum tol et tem et soch et sacke et infanckenethef et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, et quietantiis que ibi fuerunt in tempore Henrici regis avi mei. Et preterea dedi et concessi eis habere in predicto manerio liberum marchetum cum omnibus libertatibus que ad marchetum pertinent quacumque die septimane voluerint, et monetam cum proprio monetario suo. Et quando feci hanc donationem predicto Rodberto, ipse dedit mihi quingentas marcas argenti de recognitione. Testibus Abbate Sancti Augustini de Bristou, et Henrico thesaurario, Willelmo Cumin, Rogero comite Hereford(ie), Ricardo de Humez constabul(ario), Maneser Biseth dapif(ero), Rodberto de Saltemareis.

MSS.: Berkeley Castle Muniments. *Pretended original, in the same hand as **309** and **999**, with fold and tag but no seal.

Printed: I. H. Jeayes. *Descriptive Catalogue*, no. 2; *Trans. Bristol and Glos. Arch. Soc.* i. (1876), 135.

311. Fitz Harding, Maurice son of Robert (1153)

Duke Henry makes a grant similar to **310** *to Maurice son of Robert Fitz Harding*

The text of this charter only became available after this book had gone to press. It is printed in the Appendix as **999**.

311a. Fitz Harding, Robert (1153–4)

Duke Henry confirms the grant made by Robert Earl of Gloucester, the duke's uncle, of land in Bedminster (Som.)

The text of this charter only became available after this book had gone to press. It is printed in the Appendix as **1000**.

312. Fitz Miles, Roger (Dec. 1137, at Marlborough)

Confirmation of all the lands of his wife's father, Pagan fitz John

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Rogero filio Milonis Gloec(estrie) et Cecilie uxori sue filie Pag(ani) filii Johannis in feodum et hereditatem hereditarie omnem hereditatem et omnia acata ipsius Pagani que ipse tenebat die qua fuit vivus et mortuus de quocunque tenuisset. Et omne maritagium quod predictus Paganus dedit filie sue de honore Hug(onis) de Laceio in terris et militibus, et omne illud juris quod ipse Pag(anus) habebat in toto honore Hug(onis) de Laceio, sicut ipse Pag(anus) dedit et concessit illud ipsi Rogero cum filia sua. De acatis suis hec subscripta maneria, scilicet Branfeld(am) cum omnibus suis pertinentiis ad dand(um) illud in elemosinam; et Wilrecotam ad tenendum de canonicis Sancti Almund(i) per x s(olidos) reddend(os) inde per annum; et servitium Hugonis de Cancelers, et feodum Ase de Sceldestona, et feodum Butellarii, et Essefordam ad tenend(um) de Hugone filio Osberti, et Stiventonam de Rogero filio Grent(e); et Erchenfeld(am) quod dedi ei in escambio de Lantilio; et de firma de Grossomonte cum omnibus que ad illud

pertinent, et nominatim cum nemore de Orcop et cum landa de Garou; et Trawern et cum nemore de Harewuda; et Fromam et Dilun cum servitio Gaufr(edi) Ruffi et R. de Merlai; et Dilun de Nic(olao) fil(io) Will(elmi); et Ailentonam et vineam Mauordine; et terram et servitium Walteri de Hugef(orda) et Rogeri de Lidewic(a) ad tenendum de Ivone Pantolf. De maritagio Buterlega(m) et Ailentona(m) et in Wicha xx libras terre. De militibus Willelmum filium Herem(baldi) cum feodo v militum; et Herem(baldum) de Egewurd(e) cum i milite, et Anfr(idum) de Cuilardvilla ii milites; et feodum Hug(onis) Puher(i) de ii militibus si eos debet, si non ad perficiend(um) de remanenti honore. Et gardinum de Heref(orda) quod rex Henricus ei dedit. Et preter hoc quicquid Pag(anus) dedit Sibille uxori sue in dotem de hereditate sua, ut illud teneat ipsa Sibilla de Rogero et Cecilia uxore sua. Et preter hoc Arwsteling(am) cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Quare volo et precipio quod teneat bene in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis, infra burgum et extra, in viis et semitis et omnibus locis, cum socha et saca et toll et theam et infangeneteof et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et consuetudinibus cum quibus Paganus melius tenuit. Hec igitur predicta et omnem conventionem quam ipse Paganus fecit predicto Rogero cum filia sua, concedo et confirmo ipsi Rogero et uxori sue. T(estibus) M(athilde) regina, et G(ualeranno) comite de Metll(enti), et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Philippo de Belmeis. Apud Merleb(er)gam.

MSS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/20 (original, $8\frac{1}{20}'' \times 10\frac{7}{10}''$, with tongue and tie; seal missing; written in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 422)); Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 21 (abstract).
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 21 (with discussion of date).

313. Fitz Miles, Roger (*c.* 1138, at Malmesbury)

Roger of Salisbury orders on the king's behalf Sibilla widow of Payn fitz John to let her son-in-law Roger to have the lands which her husband had purchased

R(ogerus) episcopus Sar(esburiensis) Sibille que fuit uxor Pag(ani) filii Joh(ann)is salutem. Precipio tibi ex parte reg(is) et mea quod sine dilatione resaisias omnes illas terras que fuerunt de accatis domini tui de blado et feno, et nominatim de vino de Maurdina et de omnibus aliis rebus sicut fuerunt die qua rex illas concessit Rog(er)o filio Milon(is) Gloec(estrie) cum Cecilia filia tua primogenita, et bene et in pace sicut rex precepit per breve suum. T(este) R(ogero) canc(ellario). Apud Malmesb(ur)ias.

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 25/2 (original, $6\frac{4}{5}'' \times 2\frac{4}{5}''$, apparently in the same hand as **787, 788** (see T.A.M.B., p. 28); tongue and wrapper partly torn. Seal missing.)
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 22.
Date: After **312** and before the arrest of the bishops in June 1139. Probably *c.* 1138.

314. Fitz Miles, Walter (1135–54)

Notice of a grant of Grosmont castle (*Mon.*)

Carta regis Stephani in qua dat Waltero filio Milonis Glocestrie castellum de Grossomonte cum tota terra et tenura quod ad illam pertinet, in feodo et haereditate sicut Brientius filius Comitis ei illud dedit.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 18, f. 20ᵛ (copy, 1575, from the original *penes* Augustin Styward of Lakyngheth, Suff.); B.M. Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 123.

315. Fitz Odard, William (1135–9)

Note of charter granting him the lands (*specified*) *of his father, Odo of Bamburgh sheriff of Northumberland*

Carta regis Stephani per quam reddidit et concessit hereditabiliter Will(elm)o filio Odard vicecomiti omnes terras patris sui, et nominatim carucatam terre de Baenburge que fuit Favelli, et carucatam terre de Colebriggia, et terram de Burnulfestona et de Chinewallia etc. cum soc et sac etc.

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 41/1/35.
Printed: *History of Northumberland*, ii. 12 n.
Date: Before Northumberland was granted to Prince Henry of Scotland; cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1202.

316. Fitz Otho, William (Midsummer 1141, at Westminster)

The empress grants seisin of his land in Benfleet (Essex)

M(athildis) imperatrix regis H(enrici) filia vic(ecomiti) de Essexa salutem. Precipio tibi quod seisias Will(elmum) fil(ium) Oton(is) de terra sua de Benflet ita bene et plene sicut inde seisitus fuit die qua rex Henricus pater meus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et bene et in pace, libere et honorifice teneat sicut liberius tenuit tempore H(enrici) patris mei. T(estibus) canc(ellario), et Com(ite) Glouc(estrie). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Cartae Antiquae, Roll 23, nos. 14 and 18; B.M. Harley MS. 84, f. 289.
Printed: *Journal B.A.A.* xxxi. 387.

316a. Fitz Picard, Ralph (Nov. 1141–Summer 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants 26½d landgavel, and the rent of Reginald the porter's land in Southgate Street [Gloucester]

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina Miloni comiti et prepos(itis) Glouc(estrie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Rad(ulfo) filio Picardi in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis xxvi denarios et obolum de langabulo meo et omne redditum de terra que fuit Reinald(i) janitoris in Sutgetest(rete) ante ecclesiam Sancte Marie. Et precipio quod teneat bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice, et ne aliquis ei inde injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. T(estibus) Rob(erto) com(ite) Glouc(estrie), et Br(ientio) fil(io) Comitis, et Joh(anne) maresch(alo), per Osb(ertum) de Hosa. Apud Oxoniam.

MSS.: P.R.O. *C. 115/A 6, f. 19v, C. 115/A 5, f. 3v, C. 115/A 2, xx, no. 231 (incomplete).
Printed: *B.I.H.R.* xxxiii (1960), 199.
Date: The grant was made to compensate Ralph for his losses after the Rout of Winchester. Robert Earl of Gloucester was captured at the Rout and not released till 3 Nov. 1141; he went to Normandy in Summer 1142, and was thereafter unable to enter Oxford.

317. Fitz Pinceon, Hugh (1139–54, at London)

Grant of the houses which belonged to Geoffrey the constable, his cousin

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus Lond(onie) et ministris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Hug(oni) filio Pinceon(is) in feodo et hereditate domos illas que fuerunt Gaufr(edi) constabuli cognati sui, que site sunt in meo proprio feodo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Hugo domos predictas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat cum omnibus rebus et libertatibus eis domibus pertinentibus, et heredes sui post eum. T(estibus) Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Mainfenit Brit(one), et He(nrico) fil(io) suo, et Rob(erto) de Valdari. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/21 (original, 6¾″ × 5″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 423) with slits for a tag; both tag and seal missing).
Date: After Richard de Luci's return to England in 1139. Robert de Valdari suggests a date late in the period.

318. Fitz Robert, William (1135–41, at Westminster)

Release from a forfeiture concerning assarts at Bersiestona (Ess.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) H(enrico) de Essessa et A(de) de Belnac(o) et omnibus ministris suis de Essex(a) salutem. Clamo quietum Will(elm)o filio Rob(erti) forisfactum unde implacitatus fuit de essartis terre sue de Bersiestona, ita quod amodo inde quietus sit, nec inde amplius sit implacitatus si amplius non lucratus fuerit predicta essarta terre sue de Bersiestona. T(este) Rob(erto) de C(ur)ci. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 28319 (original, 6$\frac{1}{10}$″ × 2″, in hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 310); tongue torn, seal missing).
Printed: *H.M.C. 7th Rep.*, p. 587.
Date: Robert de Curci had gone over to the empress by 1141.

319. Fitz Ulf, William (1136–54, at York)

Grant of Fangfoss, Grimthorpe, Meltonby, and Givendale (Yorks.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) etc. Sciatis me dedisse[1] Willelmo filio Ulfi et haeredibus suis post eum in feudo et haereditate terram suam de Fangefosse[2] et de Torp et de Meltenbya[3] et Geueldala, tenend(am) de me per iv li(bras) [inde][4] reddend(as) mihi per annum. T(este) R(oberto de Ver). Apud Ebor(acum).

[1] *R*, concessisse [2] *R*, Fangefors [3] *R*, Meltenebra [4] *D omits* inde

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dodsworth MS. 126, f. 90, Rawlinson MS. B. 283, f. 44v.
Cf. *Regesta*, ii, no. 1326.

320. Fitz Warin, Fulk (1149)

Duke Henry grants him Alcaston (Salop)

Henricus dux ducis Normannie et comitis Andegavie filius comitibus et baronibus suis. [Sciatis me] concessisse Fulconi Guarini filio Alceston ad valentiam 20 libras. Testibus Willelmo comite Gloucestrie, Rannulfo comite Cestrie, Rogero comite Herefordie.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dodsworth MS. 97, f. 73.
Date: The witnesses show that the charter was given in England, and William was not Earl of Gloucester until 31 Oct. 1147. Assuming that Dodsworth wrote *dux* in error, the charter would belong to Henry's English visit of 1149.

321. Flaxley Abbey (June 1153–March 1154, at Evesham)

Duke Henry confirms grants by Roger Earl of Hereford to Flaxley Abbey (Glos.)

Henricus dux Norman(norum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et Sancte Marie et monachis ordinis Ci[sterciensis][1] pro salute antecessorum meorum et mea propria in elemosinam perpetuam omnes illas donationes quas Rogerus comes Hereford(ie) eisdem monachis in elemosinam dedit juxta testimonium cartarum suarum scilicet locum quendam in valle Castiart que dicit(ur) Flexleia ad construendam abbatiam et totam terram illam que dicitur Wastaden que fuit Wulfrici et quandam ferrariam apud Erdlandam et totam terram sub veteri castello de Dena ad sartandam, et illam que est asportata et quandam piscariam apud Redleiam que dicitur Newerra et quoddam pratum in Pulmeda et omnia aisamenta sua in foresta de Dena, et dominicum totum de Dimmoc et terram illam que fuit Uthtredi clerici et terram Ernaldi et terram Wulfrici. Ita scilicet quod ipse Uthtredus clericus remaneat in manu abbatis cum eschambio suo, scilicet duabus virgatis terre quod nemini inde respondeat nisi abbati, et dimidium nemus apud Dimmoc, et singulis annis totam decimam castanearum de Dena, et terram illam quam adquietavit ipse comes Hereford(ie) de Gaufrido filio predicit Wulfrici et aliam quam ipse comes adquietavit de Leffrico de Staura. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatenus monachi predicti omnia ista predicta libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus et exactionibus secularibus in elemosinam perpetuam possideant, ne quis eis inde injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. Nos autem has predictas donationes [non] tantum eis confirmo sed etiam omnes alias quas idem Rogerus comes Hereford(ie) illis in elemosinam daturus est. Test(ibus) Rog(ero) comite Hereford(ie), Will(elmo) de Criecuer, Ric(ardo) de Hum(et) constab(ulario), Ph(ilipp)o de Columbar(iis), Rob(erto) de J[uvenio],[2] Will(elmo) de Angervill(a), Will(elmo) Cumin. Apud Evesha(m).

[1] *MS.* Cicestr [2] *MS.* Ivui(n)gr

MS.: P.R.O. *C.52/22 (no. 4); Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. 252, f. 15.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 590 (abbreviated).
Date: Henry's titles.

322. Folkestone, Men of (1135–40, at Westminster)

Freeing his men of Folkestone from toll and passage-money

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie et Normannie et Bolon[ie][1] portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod homines mei de Fulchestane sint ita juste quieti de

[1] *Boys* boloneis

thelon[e]o et passagio et omni consuetudine per totam terram meam sicut homines mei de Dovera melius quieti sunt, ne ulla eis [inde][2] contumelia vel injuria fiat. Et super hoc nullus eos inde injuste disturbet super x librarum forisfacturam. Testibus R(oberto) de V(er), et H(ugone) Bigod, et Turgis(io) de Albrincis. Apud Westmonasterium.

[2] *Boys* ne ulla eis modo

MS.: Lost.
Printed: *W. Boys, *Collections for a History of Sandwich* (1792), p. 816.
Boys states that 'the original . . . in fine preservation remains now among the archives of Folkestone, with the middle part of the seal of white wax appendant'. It is not there now.

323. Fontaine St. Martin, Nunnery (7 Sept. 1151–30 March 1152, at Baugé)

Duke Henry confirms his father's grant of 60 Angevin pounds a year

Henric(us) dux Normannorum et comes Andegav*ensium* archiepiscopo Turonensium episcopo Cenomannensium episcopo Andegavensium et omnibus hominibus et fidelibus suis salutem et sanitatem. Quoniam veredica voce Salvatoris nobis dicitur, 'Operamini non cibum qui perit sed qui permanet in vitam eternam', et apostolus dicit, 'Operamini bonum *ad* omnes, maxime autem ad domesticos fidei', ego Henric(us) Andega*ven*sium consul, intelligens hoc et veraciter credens, tam futuris *quam pre*sentibus notifico me concessisse et carta mea inperpetuam con*firmasse* elemosinam, pro amore dei et anima Gaufridi patris mei, monial*ibus de Fonte* Sancti Martini lx libras Andegavensis monete quas pater meus *eis dederat*, et ideo mando et firmiter precipio quod m*inist*ri mei eas ipsis *in pace* et in bono et sine omni impedimento habere faciant ad festum Sancti Nicholai de redditu meo Andegavi xx libras Andeg(avensis) monete, ad Pentecosten Cenomanni xx libras Andeg(avensis monete de redditu meo, ad festivitatem Beate Marie que est in Septembri apud Turonim xx libras Andeg(avensis) monete de redditu meo Turon(is). Factum est hoc apud Baugeiu(m), anno ab incarnatione domini MCLI°. T(estibus) *Engelberto* archiep(iscop)o Turonen(sium), Will(el)mo ep(iscop)o Cenomannensiu(m), Nor*manno* ep(iscop)o Andegavensiu(m), Widon(e) de Sableio, Gaufr(ido) et Will(el)mo *de Silliac*o nepotibus ejus, Thoma capellano, Josleno de Turon(i), Will(el)m*o filio* Hamonis, Gaufr(edo) de Cleer(is), Hugon(e) de Cleer(is), Pipino de *Turoni*, Simone de Castell(ione), Durand(o) Burell(o), Burchardo de Mareil*lo*. *Apud* Baug(eium).

MSS.: Le Mans, Archives de la Sarthe, *H. 1530 (original, $9\frac{5}{8}'' \times 13\frac{3}{16}''$, apparently written by grantee; fold and slits for tag; tag and seal missing. Much worn at right-hand edge, but illegible words supplied (in italics) from 18th-century transcript (same ref.)). Other transcripts in Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 17048, p. 614 and Arch. Nat. K. 186, no. 69.
Printed: Delisle–Berger no. 21*; *Bull. Soc. Arch. d'Ile et Vilaine*, xxix. 27; *C.D.F.*, no. 1051 (cal.).
Date: After death of Duke Geoffrey on 7 Sept. The year was reckoned from 25 March or Easter (30 March).

324. Fontenay Abbey (1150–1, at Caen)

Notice of a quittance of tolls etc. by Duke Henry

Carta Henrici ducis Normanniae quia res omnes abbatiae de Fontaneto quietae sunt de omni consuetudine et passagio et teloneo. Data Cadomi. Teste Jordano Taxone etc.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. français 1902, f. 16 (17th-cent. transcript from the lost cartulary).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy but not Count of Anjou.

325. Fontenay Abbey (7 Sept.–Dec. 1151, at Rouen)

Duke Henry confirms the grants made by the ancestors of Jordan Taisson

Henricus dei gratia dux Normannie (*sic*) comes Andegavensie (*sic*) archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus atque omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Notum sit vobis atque omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego ad petitionem Jordani Taxonis confirmavi abbati et monachis Sancti Stephani de Fontaneto omnes donationes et elemosinas quas antecessores dicti Jordani Taxonis qui fundaverunt abbatiam de Fontaneto

fecerunt et dederunt in perpetuam elemosinam nutu ac consilio Willelmi tunc ducis Normannie predictis abbati et monachis pro salute animarum suarum videlicet in ecclesiis decimis terris hominibus in pratis aquis molendinis, in silvis nemoribus, in libertatibus usagiis consuetudinibus quas iidem monachi habent in foresta de Cingellis[1] et in cunctis aliis nemoribus suis de quibus habent omnes decimas, et in omnibus sicut continetur in charta fundatoris et aliorum antecessorum predicti Jordani Taxonis que incipit *Quisquis deo*, et in charta confirmationis quam predicti abbas et monachi habent a Willelmo tunc duce Normannie supra predictis donationibus que incipit *In Nomine Sancte et Individue Trinitatis*, que charte crucibus sunt signate secundum antiquam consuetudinem, quam recognovit Jordanus Taxo coram me et baronibus meis apud Rotomagum. Et ego predictas chartas et omnes donationes et elemosinationes de verbo ad verbum sicut continetur in eisdem cartis et omnia alia que postea donata sunt tam a Jordano Taxone quam ab antecessoribus suis in omnibus confirmavi in pura et libera elemosina cum omni ea libertate et quietantia quam elemosina potest et debet habere. Quod ut statum sit et stabile in perpetuum presenti scripto et sigilli mei munimine confirmavi. Testibus his Arnulfo Lexoviensi episcopo, Richardo cancellario, Guillelmo de Rolmara comite Lin(colnie), Guillelmo de Vernone, Ricardo de Haeia, Goffrerio de Brue(ri)o, Radulpho de Pommeria,[2] Willelmo Rocel.[2] Apud Rotomagum.

[1] *D'Anisy* Cingalais [2] *D'Anisy omits the last two witnesses.*

MSS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *H. 5603 (17th-cent. transcript) and H. 5604, f. xxiv (transcript by d'Anisy); Rouen, Bibl. Mun., MS. 2192, p. 101.
Printed: *Neustria Pia*, p. 80; Delisle–Berger, no. 42* (from the Rouen MS.).
Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou and while Richard was his chancellor.

326. Fontenay Abbey (7 Sept.–Dec. 1151, at Argentan)

Duke Henry grants exemption from tolls etc. in Normandy, Anjou, and England

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annie) comes Andegavie (*sic*) justic(iis) vicecom(itibus) et ministris totius terre sue salutem. Concedo atque precipio quod omnes res abbatie et monachorum de Fontaneto sint quiete de passagio et theloneo et pontagio et cardrig(io) et ab omnibus consuetudinibus tam in Normannia quam Andegavia et Anglia per omnia dominica mea quas homines sui affidare poterint suas esse proprias. Et prohibeo quod nullus eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam faciat vel eos injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. Testibus his, cancell(ario) Ric(ardo), Jordano Tax(one), Rob(erto) filio Ern(isii), Rad(ulfo) de Pomeria, Ric(ardo) de Hacia (*sic*), Engelg(ro) de Boh(un). Apud Arg(e)nt(onam).

MSS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *H. 5603 (original, $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{5}{8}''$, written in an unidentified hand with fold and slit for tag; tag and seal missing). Copy (faulty) from confirmation by Henry V in H. 5602.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 28* and *Atlas*, pl. ii (facs.); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 361 (cal.); *C.D.F.*, no. 616 (cal.).
Date as for **325**, though the precise form of Henry's titles suggests a forgery.

327. Fontevrault Abbey (March–Nov. 1137, at Rouen)

Confirmation of the pension of 100 silver marks p.a. granted by Henry I from the farms of London and Winchester

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis per Angliam constitutis salutem. Sciatis quod ego Stephanus rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum pro salute animarum patrum et parentum meorum et specialiter regis Henrici domini et avunculi mei, necnon pro remissione peccatorum meorum et uxoris et filiorum et fratrum meorum, et pro statu totius regni mei, reddidi et concessi imperpetuum elemosinam illam quam rex Henricus avunculus meus dederat deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Fonte Ebraudi et sanctimonialibus in ea deo servientibus, scilicet centum marcas argenti singulis annis ad victum earum in Quadragesima, que singulis annis de thesauro meo eis liberabuntur, ita quod lx marce illarum centum sint de firma civitatis mee Lond(oniensis), et relique xl marce sint de firma civitatis Winton(iensis). Et medietatem illarum c marcarum ad Pascha habebunt et aliam medietatem ad festum

Sancti Michaelis omnibus annis. Hanc itaque donationem regis Henrici domini et avunculi et predecessoris mei factam et carta illius confirmatam, ego postea regia auctoritate confirmo et a deo mihi concessa corroboro, et ut illi perduret ecclesie imsempiternum integram et inconcussam sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum attestatione subsigno; scilicet Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei qui hanc elemosinam concesserunt; Hugonis archiepiscopi Rothom(agensis), Johannis episcopi Lexoviensis, Henrici Winton(iensis) episcopi fratris mei, et comitis Teobaudi fratris mei, Galeranni comitis Mellenti, Roberti comitis Legrec(estrie), Radulfi capellani comitis Teob(audi), Roberti de Novoburgo, Anselli de Triannello, Hilduini de Vendop(er)e, Amalrici de Misten(no), Gauterio de B(er)n(eriis), Engelranni de Sai, Rogerii de Fiscanno, Himelini[1] de Argent(ona), Roberti de Sauq(ue)-villa, Hugonis de Deserto. Actum est hoc apud Rothomagum, anno ab Incarnatione Domini M.C. XXX°. VIJ°.

[1] *MS.* Oimelini

MSS.: Angers, Archives du Maine et Loire, *242 H. 1 (4) (original, $10\frac{7}{8}'' \times 14\frac{15}{16}''$, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 4), with no fold at base but leather thong as tag; seal missing). Copy in Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 5480, p. 276, (transcript of 1699, noting that 'le sceau en cire blanche sur un lacs de cuir est brisé').

Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introduction*, p. 119; *C.D.F.*, no. 1055 (cal.).

Dated: Stated in text, and while Stephen was in Normandy. The charter seems to have been written by the beneficiary, but it is *not* in the same hand as the original of Henry I's charter (*Regesta*, ii. 1687) which it necessarily follows for much of the text.

328. Fontevrault Abbey (July 1141, at Oxford)

The Empress confirms the pension of 50 silver marks from the ferm of London

M(athildis) imperatrix regis H(enrici) filia et Anglorum domina baronibus et vic(ecomiti) Lund(onie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam monialibus de Fonte Ebraldi pro salute anime patris mei regis Henrici et mea et pro pace et incolumitate regni mei l marcas argenti singulis annis in sempiternum. Quare volo et precipio quod eas eis habere faciatis de firma Lond(onie), videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis xxv marcas argenti et xxv marcas argenti ad Pascha, et ita constitute eas habeant sine omni disturbatione. Testibus R(oberto) ep(iscop)o Lond(oniensi), et D(avid) rege Scottoru(m), et R(oberto) com(ite) Gloec(estrie), et Brient(io) filio Com(itis), et Pagano de Clar(a) vall(e), et Guidone de Sablolio, et Alex(andro) de Buh(un). Apud Oxenef(ordiam).[1]

[1] *Vidimus* Davnef'

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 5480, p. 277 (transcript of 1699); Angers, Archives du Maine et Loire, 242 H.1 (no. 10) (*Vidimus* by the Court of Saumur, 1479).

Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 1056 (cal.).

Date: While King David was with the empress in Oxford, and consequently after her flight from London. This would explain why the writ refers to London only and not to Winchester only; the writ should be viewed as a desperate command to a rebellious city.

329. Fontevrault Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan 1153, at Tours)

Duke Henry confirms an annual pension from the revenues of the port of Dieppe which Reginald de St. Valéry is holding until he recovers his English inheritance

Notum sit omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Henricus dux Norm(annorum) comes Andeg(avorum) diligenter concedo et sigilli mei auctoritate stabiliter confirmo quoddam donum quod Raginaldus de Sancto Walerico in capitulo Fontis Ebraudi conventui prefate abbatie in presentia patris mei et mea fratrisque Willelmi fecit, quod et Bernardus ejus filius postea libenter concessit. Proinde determinatum fuit quod quandiu predictus Rag(inaldus) sive filius ejus Bernardus redditus portus Depe habebunt, conventui prenominati monasterii viginti libras Rothomagensis monete ad emendum pisces qui vulgariter harenchi dicuntur singulis annis ad festum Sancti Michaelis p(re)bebunt. Cum autem, deo juvante, hereditarium jus suum in Anglia recuperaverint, et redditus portus prefati ad me redierint, et idem Reg(inaldus) et Bern(ardus) ejus filius ad faciendum prescriptam piscium emptionem ad festum similiter Sancti Michaelis loco predictarum xx^ti librarum decem libras sterlinorum

in perpetua elemosina annuatim tribuent. T(estibus) Gosleno de Turoni, Gaufrido de Cleers et Hugone fratre ejus, Gosberto sine terra, Brientio de Martiniaco, Gofario de Brueria, Bartholomeo Frestel, Hugone de Bello ramo, Matheo doctore meo, Mauricio cancellarii mei clerico, Archenulfo, Gastinello, Radulfo Garderoba, Mathilde amita mea Fontis Ebraudi abbatissa. Apud Turonim.

MSS.: Angers, Archives du Maine et Loire, *242 H. I (6) (original, 8½″×8¼″, written in an unidentified hand, with fold and slit for tag; tag and seal both missing). Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 5480, p. 258 (transcript of 1699 with fine drawing of seal, 'en cire blanche sur 1 cordon jaune'; the slits on the original itself show that the 'cordon jaune' must have been a leather thong or parchment tag as opposed to cords).

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 44*; E. de Fréville, *Mémoires sur le commerce maritime de Rouen*, ii. 8; *C.D.F.*, no. 1058 (cal.).

Date: After Henry had become Count of Anjou, before he was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was in France.

The charter of Reginald de St. Valéry is given, without witnesses, in MS. Latin 5480, p. 259.

330. Fontevrault Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Baugé)

Duke Henry makes various grants concerning houses in Saumur

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Henricus dux Normannorum comes Andegavorum do et concedo imperpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris mei G(aufridi) Andegavensis comitis et pro mea meorumque salute, Maltildi abbatisse amite mee et toti conventui Fontis Eb(raldi) domum de Salmuro que de meo dominio erat et quam pater meus saisierat quietam, et preter hoc xvi domos in villa de Salmuro quas homines mei eis dederunt. Similiter eis concedo salvis rectitudinibus et consuetudinibus meis quas antecessores mei in illis habuerunt; et si aliqua istarum supradictarum xvi domuum recognita fuerit esse de meo dominio, ad meum dominium redeat. Concedo similiter eis ut ponant in domo furni sui de Salmuro decem homines qui non sint consuetudinarii mei; et sint quieti de omni exercitu et expeditione et de omni taillagio. Teste Thoma decano[1] de Lochis, Josleno de Turoni, Ugoni de Claiers, Will(elm)o filio Hamonis, Joh(ann)e de Buche de lup,[2] Raginaudo Gislart. Apud Baugeum.[3]

[1] *5480* de Chano [2] *5480* Buche delu [3] *5480* Balgeium

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin, N.A. 2414, f. 24ᵛ (12th-cent. cartulary), MS. Latin 5480, p. 72 (transcript from original, 1699, noting that it was 'sellé en cire blanche sur lacs de cuir').

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 30*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1059 (cal.).

Date: As for **329**.

331. Fontevrault Abbey (April–Dec. 1154, and probably *c.* 21 May, at Fontevrault)

Duke Henry confirms the grant of an oven at Vihiers (M.-et-L.) by John the 'consul'

H(enricus) dux Norman(norum) et Aquitan(orum) comes Andegav(orum) . . . Sciatis me pro animabus patris mei et amite mee Matildis abbatisse Fontis Ebr(audi) . . . confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Fonte Ebr(audi) quoddam furnerium de Vieriis a Johanne cognomento consule prefate abbatie . . . datum . . . . Test(ibus) Bernerio abbate Noer(iensi), Guillelmo abbate Sancti Mauri, Girario de Bellopratello, Matheo doctore ducis, Petro Guarn(er), Mauricio de Chorrun. Apud Fontem Ebraudi.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 5480, p. 109 (transcript of 1699 from the original, with a note that 'le sceau est perdu').

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 69*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1060 (cal.).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in France. Probably on same occasion as **332**.

332. Fontevrault Abbey (21 May 1154, at Fontevrault)

Duke Henry's confirmation at the foot of a pancarte

. . . . Et ego Henricus dei gratia dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum comesque Andegavorum anno ab incarnatione Domini MCLIIII, xii kalendas Junii, concessi et confirmavi apud Fontem Ebraudi omnes donationes et confirmationes prescriptas ab avo meo factas. Testibus his, Engelbaudo Turonensi archiepiscopo; Phylippo Baiocensi, Arnulfo Luxoviensi

episcopis; Matheo Sancti Florentii, Bernerio Nogeriensi abbatibus; Guillelmo fratre meo, Gaufrido de Rancone, Guidone de Sabloio, Ricardo de Homez, Guillelmo filio Hamonis, Jordano Taxone, Fulqoueio (*sic*) Paganelli, Hugone de Pocé.

MS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., L. 1018, dossier 1, pièce 2.
Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. 78*.

333. Fontgombaud Abbey (Sept. 1151–3).

Notice of Duke Henry's grant of timber and firewood in the forest of Aurifolium

. . . Vobis notificare volumus quod Droco de Mellen(to) dominus Locar(um) inspiciens litteras Henrici ducis Normann(orum) et comitis Andeg(avorum) per easdem cognovit litteras quod predictus H(enricus) dederat ecclesie Beate Marie Fontis Gombaudi et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus ea que sibi essent necessaria ad edificandum et calefaciendum in foresta que dicitur Aurifolium.

MS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *J. 731, no. 31 (part of a charter of M. abbot of Fontgombaud, dated 1219).
Printed: Teulet, *Layettes du Trésor*, i. 494, no. 1377.
Date: Henry Count of Anjou but not yet Duke of Aquitaine.

334. Foucarmont Abbey (1155, at Rouen)

The empress confirms the gift made by Oelard de Cleis

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia omnibus fidelibus suis Normannie Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et sigilli mei privilegio ratam et stabilem esse jubeo elemosinam quam Oelardus de Cleis dedit deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Fulcardimonte in mea presentia, videlicet totum feodum suum de Garini prato proprium ad Solum Campertum et in eodem proprio et in reliquo toto feodo suo duas partes decime. Quod si elemosinam istam supradicti loci fratribus warantizare non poterit, novem libras Belvacensium quas de eadem habuit ecclesia eisdem restituet. His testibus Rog(er)io de Cailli, Willelmo de Helion, Galtero de Giesnis, Galtero filio Ernaldi. Apud Rothomagum, anno ab incarnatione domini MCLV°.

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., *MS. Y. 13, f. 87.
Printed: Round, *C.D.F.*, no. 184 (cal.)
The original used to be in the public library at Neufchâtel-en-Bray, which was bombed in the Second World War.

335. Fountains Abbey (Feb. 1136, at York)

Confirmation of gifts by Abp. Thurstan and Eustace fitz John

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibu ssuis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et abbati et monachis de Fontibus qui sunt de ordine Cist(erciensi) pro dei amore et salute anime mee et parentum meorum et pro statu regni mei duas carucatas terre in Sutuna quas Thurstinus archiepiscopus Ebor(acensis) eis dedit et concessit in elemosinam perpetuam cum omnibus rebus eidem terre pertinentibus in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis. Et partem bosci de Hereleshow per divisas et metas quas predictus archiepiscopus eis fecit et statuit in terra et in bosco et sicut ipse eas eis per cartam suam confirmavit et que recte pertinent predictis terris. Et preter hoc concedo eis duas carucatas terre in duabus Caytunis quas Eustachius filius Johannis eis dedit et concessit cum omnibus rebus eidem terre pertinentibus in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis per divisas et metas quas Eustachius filius Johannis eis fecit et statuit et que juste pertinent eisdem terris et sicut Eustachius eas eis per cartas suas confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant; de omnibus auxiliis et geldis et danegeldis et assisis et placitis et omnibus occasionibus et querelis et scutagiis et omnibus consuetudinibus et omni terreno servitio quod mihi vel archiepiscopo Eboracensi vel Eustachio vel successoribus meis vel eorum unquam pertineat nunc et usquam in sempiternum omnia eis quieta et soluta clamo; et regia auctoritate et a deo collata mihi potestate illi

ecclesie imperpetuum obtinenda confirmo et illibate permanenda statuo et corroboro. T(estibus) T(urstino) archiepiscopo, et A(lexandro) episcopo Lincoln(iensi), et Audoeno episcopo Ebroic(ensi), et Johanne episcopo Sagiensi, et Adel(ulfo) episcopo Carleolensi, et R(ogero) cancellario. Apud Eboracum, anno incarnationis dominice M° CXXXV°, et anno regni mei primo.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Univ. Coll. MS. 167, f. 1; transcripts from cartulary in Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 9, f. 196ᵛ and Dodsworth MS. 116, f. 128ᵛ.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 63; Walbran, *Memorials of Fountains*, ii. 1.
Date: Cf. **99** and **919**.

336. Fountains Abbey (1151–Aug. 1153, at Ipswich)

Confirmations of gifts by Abps. Thurstan, Henry Murdac, and others

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iariis) vic(ecomitibus) baron(ibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Angl(ie) sal(utem). Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie de Fontanis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus donationem illam quam Turstinus archiepiscopus Ebor(acensis) eis fecit, et quam Henr(icus) archiepiscopus successor ejus eis fecit et carta sua confirmavit, et quam comes Alanus de Britann(ia) et alii barones et fideles regni mei eis fecerunt de terris et aliis teneuris. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi terras et teneuras illas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et stagnis et in omnibus rebus et locis et pertinentiis earum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eisdem teneuris pertinentibus ita liberas et quietas ab omni seculari servitio et exactione sicut predicti domini eas illis dederunt et concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. T(estibus) com(ite) E(ustachio) fil(io) regis, et Rob(erto) de Ver, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Gipeswic.

MSS.: B.M., MS. Loans, 29/242/14 (original, $8\frac{1}{4}'' \times 6\frac{5}{8}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 756) with impression of Stephen's second seal in brown wax on a tongue). Copies in Oxford, Univ. Coll. MS. 167, f. 1, and P.R.O. Chart. R. 26 Ed. III, m. 7.
Printed: Walbran, *Memorials of Fountains*, ii. 2 (from cartulary); *E.Y.C.*, no. 73 (from cartulary); **E.Y.C.* v, no. 397 (from original, with facsimile).
Date: Eustace was made an earl in 1146/7 and died in Aug. 1153. Henry Murdac was not consecrated till 1147 and was not reconciled to Stephen before 1151. Stephen besieged Ipswich in 1153 but could have been there in 1151 or 1152 also.

337. Furness Abbey (*c.* June–Aug. 1136, at the siege of Exeter)

Confirmation of the grants made by Stephen as Count of Mortain

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quoniam dedi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Furhurnesio et abbati et monachis ecclesie ejusdem in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici domini et avunculi mei et patrum et antecessorum meorum et pro remissione peccatorum meorum et uxoris et prolis mee et fratrum meorum et pro stabilitate regni mei, omnia ista subscripta que eidem ecclesie dederam dum comes Moretonie eram, scilicet totam forestam meam de Fuhurnesio cum omni venatione que in ea est, et Daltonam et totum dominium meum infra Fuhurnesium cum hominibus et omnibus ei pertinentibus in bosco in plano in terra et aquis, et Olvestonam et Rogerum Bristoaldum cum suis. Et do eis socum et sacam et toll et theam et infangeneteof et quicquid infra Fuhurnesium continetur preter terram Michaelis Flandrensis, eo tenore interposito ut in loco illo per dispositionem abbatis presentis ordo monasticus et regularis deo succurrente teneatur. Concessu quoque meo et voluntate dedit ei Willelmus de Lancastria villam de Mulecastra que est de feodo meo totam et quietam ab omni servicio cum omnibus que ei pertinent. Hanc itaque donationem et concessionem meam factam deo et ecclesie illi regia auctoritate confirmo et inviolate integreque permansuram usque in sempiternum a deo michi concessa potestate corroboro et quicquid presentium vel futurorum devotio fidelium ipsis in Christo contulerit firmum manere statuo et compono. Testibus T(hurstino) archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et H(enrico) episcopo Wintoniensi, et Aud(oino)

episcopo Ebroicensi, et B(ernardo) episcopo Sancti David, et R(ogero) cancellario, et R(oberto) comite Gloecestrensi, et W(illelmo) comite Warenne, et R(oberto) de Ver, et Willelmo Martel, et Roberto filio Ricardi, et Roberto de Brus. Apud Exoniam, anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI, regni vero mei primo in obsidione.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 13 Hen. IV, m. 8, D.L. Misc. Bks. 3, f. 47v.
Printed: **C.C.R.* v. 45; Farrer, *Lancs. Pipe Rolls*, 304 (incomplete); *Coucher Bk. of Furness*, i. 124 (incomplete).
Date: Cf. **284**.

338. Garendon Abbey (1135–6)

Confirmation of the grants made by Robert Earl of Leicester

Steph(anus) rex Angl(oram) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis qu[oniam] Robertus comes Legr(ecestrie) dedit et concessit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Gerold(onia) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus v carrucatas et iii virgatas terre in Geroldonia cum pratis et pascuis omnibus eidem terre pertinentibus, ut habeant pasturam bobus et vaccis et porcis et capris et equis et omnibus eorum animalibus cujuscunque sint generis, quiete omnino de pasnagio et omni alia consuetudine in nemoribus suis de Sepeheue et Disselai. Preterea concedit eis ut habeant de eisdem nemoribus materiam ad domos suas faciendas et omnia alia necessaria et ligna ad ignem, et quicquid eis necesse fuerit ad haias suas et alia omnia aisamenta sine vasto foreste, quod non sit destructio nemoris. Hec in carta regis Henrici firmata sunt concessu suo. Et preterea postea dedit eis iv carrucatas et dimidiam cum pratis et omnibus eis pertinentibus in dominico suo de Disselai, et in burgo Legr(ecestrie) unum burgensem qui emat pannos suos, eum dico cum terra et domibus suis. Hec et omnia alia que eis predictus comes et alii fideles dederunt vel in futurum dederint legaliter eis concedo, sicut carta comitis et aliorum dantium testantur, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Et ut in eternum illi ecclesie sine diminutione remaneant, sigilli mei impressione et auctoritate regia corroboro. Testibus W(illelmo) arch(iepiscopo) Cant(uariensi),[1] et Thurstano archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et Alexandro episcopo Lincolniensi.

[1] *L stops here. Rest from F.*

MSS.: Garendon Cartulary in possession of the late W. A. Foyle Esq., Beeleigh Abbey (1958), f. 2; B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 415, f. 22v.
Printed: Nichol's *Leicestershire*, col. iii, pt. ii, p. 820.
Date: Before the death of Archbishop William of Corbeil, 21 Nov. 1136.

339. Gay, Stephen (*c.* April–May 1153, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry confirms an agreement between Stephen Gay (second) husband of Adeliza, and Gilbert her son by her previous marriage to John Marshal

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aq(u)it(anorum) et com(es) And(egavorum) omnibus[1] archiep(iscopis) ep(iscopis) [et omnibus fi]delibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirm(asse) *conventionem et concordiam quae facta est inter Stephanum* Gai[2] et Adelicia(m)[3] uxorem s[uam] *et Gisl*b(er)tu(m) fil(ium) *Johannis Mariscalli et ejusdem*[4] *Aeline de hereditate* Aeline. Quare[5] volo et f[irmiter][6] . . . inde injur[iam][5]. . . . *Testibus Reginaldo com(it)e Cornubiae, Rog(ero) com(ite) Hereford, Manaserio Biset dapifero, Guar(ino) filio Ger(oldi) cam(erario). Apud Gloc(estriam).*

[1] *Glover* omnibus etc. Sciatis [2] *Glover* Gay [3] *Glover* Aelinam
[4] *Glover* eisdem [5–5] *Glover* Quare etc. Testibus [6] *MS. (original) worn away; no transcript of this sentence in Glover*

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/5938 (fragment of the original, 5″×2$\frac{3}{10}$″ (present maximum), written in the hand of *scriptor* xxiii (T.A.M.B., no. S. 42)). No tongue or seal survives. The top line is complete, but l. 5 now contains only fragments of two words, 'inde injur[iam]'. Copy in B.M. Harley MS. 245, f. 139 (from a partial transcript by Robert Glover, d. 1588), whence the passages in italics.
Date: Henry probably took the title of Duke of Aquitaine at Gloucester *c.* April–May 1153.

340. Ghent, Abbey of St. Peter (at (?) Hittisleigh (Devon), Summer 1136)

Confirmation of the manors of Greenwich and Lewisham (Kent), quit of any claim by Robert of Bampton or his heirs

Stephanus rex Anglie (*sic*) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi) et comitibus et baronibus et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Chent et de Londonia salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Petri de Gant et abbati et monachis ejusdem loci ecclesias et terras suas et omnia sua in decimis et elemosinis et aliis rebus ecclesie predicte pertinentibus, et nominatim maneria sua de Gronewic et Lievesham cum suis pertinentiis, et terras et consuetudines suas, quas habent in Londonia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum soca et saca et tol et tea[m] et infangene[þeof] et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis, sicut unquam melius tenuerunt tempore Willelmi regis avi mei, et tempore avunculorum meorum postea, in burgo et extra, in terris, in aquis, in pratis et pasturis, in boscho in plano, et omnibus aliis rebus et locis. Et de calumpnia quam Robbertus de Bentona fecerat in predictis terris de Gronewic et Lievesham, clamo eos qui[e]tos, desicut terra ipsius Robberti mihi adjudicata, in propria potestate mea est, ne predictus Robertus vel aliquis successorum suorum ammodo in eis reclamationem presumat facere. Testibus Heinr(ico) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et Nig(ello) episcopo de Hely, et [Rogero][1] cancellario, et Rob(erto) comite Gloec(estrie), et Rob(er)t(o) de Ver, et A(lberico) d(e) V(er). Apud Huche Lesbiam.

[1] *MS.* B

MSS.: Ghent, Rijksarchief, *St. Peter's Abbey, Ghent, 1st series, no. 7, pt. i, f. 15; Ghent, Library of the University, MS. 536, fos. 491, 528v; P.R.O. Transcripts, vol. 142 (8), no. ix.

Printed: *Bull. de l'Acad. de Bruxelles*, ix. 265; A. van Lokeren. *Chartes et Documents de l'Abbaye de Saint Pierre au Mont Blandin à Gand* (2 vols. Ghent, 1868–71), i, no. 215; *C.D.F.*, no. 1379 (cal.).

Date: After Robert of Bampton's revolt, before the defection of Robert Earl of Gloucester, and while Stephen was in England. Cf. **284** and **337**.

341. Glastonbury Abbey (1136, at Westminster)

Restoration of Uffculme (Devon) which had been taken from the abbey by William I

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. *Sciatis quoniam reddidi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte* Marie Glaston(ie) et abbati et monachis in ea servientibus presentibus et futuris *in perpetuam* possessionem, *pro redemptione anime Willelmi regis avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee regine et filiorum et fratrum meorum* et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei, *manerium de* Offcolm[1] *cum ecclesiis et capellis et omnibus ejus adjacentiis tanquam ea que de antiquo jure* ipsius *erant ecclesie, et que predictus avus meus rex Willelmus ab eadem abstraxit ecclesia. Quare volo et precipio quod* prefata Glaston(iensis) *ecclesia* et abbas ejus et monachi *teneant* prenominatum *manerium cum omnibus ei pertinenti*bus bene et in pace et libere, *in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aqua et extra, in omni loco et omni re, cum soco et saca et tol et team et infangenethef et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus* pretaxata *ecclesia liberius tenet alias tenuras suas. Et ut* hec illi ecclesie inperpetuum *illibata inconcussaque* rema*neant*, regia auctoritate [hoc confirmo][2] et *sigilli mei impressione* et proprie manus mee et fidelium meorum subnotatione consignando *corroboro apud Westm(onasterium) anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI, regni vero mei primo. Signum Stephani regis. Signum Matilde regine. Signum Eustacii filii regis. Signum Willelmi Cantuar(iensis) archiepiscopi. Signum Turstini Eboracen(sis) archiepiscopi. Signum Rogeri Sar(esberiensis) episcopi. Signum Roberti de Ver. Signum Alberici de Ver. Signum Hamonis de Sancto Claro.*

[1] *Hearne and Watkin*, Offeculum [2] *Wood omits*

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 1, f. 60v; The Marquess of Bath, Longleat, MS. 39, f. 53; Cambridge, Trinity Coll., MS. 724, f. 24.

Printed: Watkin, *The Great Chartulary of Glastonbury*, i. 126; Hearne, *Adam of Domerham*, ii. 327 (incomplete); *Monast.* i. 36.

Date: As stated in text. See H. P. R. Finberg on Uffculme in *Lucerna* 204 f., and cf. **340**. The charter as a whole bears a strong resemblance to **945–9**. Passages in italics are common to **948**. Note that Henry of Blois was both Abbot of Glastonbury and Bishop of Winchester.

342. Glastonbury Abbey (Jan. 1138, at Goldington during the siege of Bedford)

Confirming Siston (Glos.) as purchased from Racendis for 40 silver marks

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Cantuar(iensi) et episcopo Wirecestr(ensi) et omnibus episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie Glaston(iensi) in perpetuam possessionem manerium Siston(e) cum omnibus ei pertinentibus quod Racend[is][1] dedit et reddidit eidem ecclesie tanquam illud quod de jure ejusdem Glaston(iensis) ecclesie antiquitus fuit, et pro cujus manerii redditione et consensu accepit ipsa Racendis[1] xl marcas argenti de pecunia prefate ecclesie per manum Henrici fratris mei Wint(oniensis) episcopi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia teneat manerium illud cum omnibus ei pertinentibus in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aqua et extra et in omnibus rebus et locis cum soca et saca et tol et team et infanginthef[2] et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus aliis cum quibus Glaston(iensis) ecclesia liberius et quietius tenet alias tenuras suas. Et ut redditio et concessio ista ecclesie Glaston(iensi) integra et inconcussa permaneat, presenti[3] sigilli mei impressione et [sub]-scriptorum[4] attestatione ipsam confirmo et regia auctoritate et a deo michi tradita potestate corroboro. Testibus Roberto episcopo Bathon(iensi), et Roberto de Novoburgo, et Alverico de Veer,[5] et Roberto de Veer,[6] et Johanne Maris(callo). Apud Giltingtonam[7] in obsidione Bedeford(ie) anno incarnationis dominice millesimo centesimo tricesimo octavo.

[1] *C* Rasscendis [2] *C* infangenteof [3] *C* presentis
[4] *C* subscriptorum [5] *C* Alberico de Ver [6] *C omits* [7] *C* Goldintonam

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 1, f. 61v; Longleat, MS. 39, f. 54; Cambridge, Trinity Coll., MS. 724, f. 24v (= *C*)

Printed: Watkin, *Great Chartulary of Glastonbury*, i. 129; Hearne, *Adam of Domerham*, ii. 328 (incomplete); *Monast.* i. 37.

Date: The siege of Bedford was from *c.* 25 Dec. 1137 till *c.* Jan. 1138.

343. Glastonbury Abbey (3 March 1141, or soon after)

The empress confirms the abbey's possessions as held in 1135 and now, including Uffculme

M(atildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia Anglorum regina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus [fidelibus] suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Glastoniensi et Henrico ejusdem ecclesie prelato et successoribus suis in perpetuum omnes teneduras et possessiones ejusdem ecclesie, unde ecclesia et ipse saisiti et tenentes fuerunt die qua rex Henricus pater meus fuit vivus et mortuus et unde ecclesia et idem prelatus saisiti et tenentes fuerunt die Dominica intrantis[1] Quadragesime qua venit contra me et locutus est mecum apud Warewell(e)[2] que precessit diem Lune qua idem prelatus et cives[3] Wintonienses honorifice in ecclesia et urbe Wintoniensi[4] me receperunt. Hec omnia concedo et confirmo predicte Glastoniensi ecclesie et H(enrico) ejusdem ecclesie prelato et successoribus ejus integre libere et quiete et honorifice possidenda, et nominatim manerium de Offeculum[5] cum omnibus pertinentiis ejus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prenominata ecclesia et prelatus ejus H(enricus) et successores sui omnia supra memorata bene et in pace[6] et plenarie et quiete et libere et integre et honorifice teneant in silvis et agris in pratis et pasturis[7] in aquis et[8] molendinis et piscariis in viis et semitis in civitate et extra in feriis et mercatis et in omnibus locis cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et hamsocne cum moneta et monetariis et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus[9] inconcusse et absque omni inquietatione. Testibus Bern(ardo) episcopo de Sancto D(avi)d, et Nigell(o) Eliensi episcopo, et S(effrido) episcopo Cicestrensi, et G(ilberto) abbate Glocestr(iensi),[10] et

[1] *c and d* Incarnacionis [2] *c and d* Whareswell [3] *c and d* omnes
[4] *c and d omit* Wintoniensi [5] *c and d* Offeculum [6] *c and d read* pacifice *for* in pace
[7] *c and d* pascuis [8] *c and d* in [9] *c and d omit* et consuetudinibus
[10] *c and d* S abbate Glouern(ie)

Rob(erto) comite Gloec(estrie), et Rein(aldo) comite Corn(ubie),[11] et Brien(n)o filio comitis, et Milone de Gloec(estria), et Unfrido de Buhun, et Willelmo de Moiun, et Rad(ulpho) Luvel, et Elia Giffard, et Rob(erto) Musard.

[11] *From this point c and d read* B. filio Mil(o)n(is) de Glouern(ie), Hunfrid(o) de Boun, Roberto Musard et multis aliis.

MSS.: (*a*) Cambridge, Trinity Coll.,* MS. 724, f. 24ᵛ. (*b*) B.M. Add. MS. 22934, f. 21ᵛ. (*c*) Longleat, MS. 39, f. 63. (*d*) Bodl. Lib., MS. Wood empt. 1, f. 69ᵛ.

Printed: Hearne, *Adam of Domerham*, ii. 329 (from *a*); *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 389 (from *b*); Watkin, *Great Chartulary of Glastonbury*, i. 149, no. 213 (from *c*); *Monast.* i. 44 (no. lxxi), (from *d*).

Date: As implied in the text, about the time of the empress's reception at Winchester, at which Bernard of St. David's, Nigel of Ely, and Gilbert abbot of Gloucester are all known to have been present. For the empress as *regina* cf. **699**.

344. Glastonbury Abbey (*c.* 1154, at Windsor)

Freedom from toll and passage

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum)[1] Willelmo comiti Gloc(estrie) et hominibus suis de Bristowe[2] et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes res abbatis de Glastonia et monachorum, videlicet victus et vestitus et pecunia sint quieta ubique de tholoneo et passagio et emant [et vendant[3]] quo[4] voluerint, et nullus eos injuste disturbet super x lib(ras) forisfacture. T(este) Warn(ero) de Lusor(is).[5] Apud Wundr(esores).

[1] *Sic MSS.*; *Hearne has* Anglie *in error*
[2] *b and c* Bristoll'
[3] et vendant *omitted in a; supplied from b and c*
[4] *b and c* quod
[5] *b and c stop here*

MSS.: (*a*) Cambridge, *Trinity Coll., MS. 724, f. 24; (*b*) Longleat, MS. 39. f. 63; (*c*) Bodl. Lib., MS. Wood empt. 1, f. 69.

Printed: Hearne, *Adam of Domerham*, ii. 326 (from *a*); Watkin, *Great Chartulary of Glastonbury*, i. 148, no. 209 (from *b*).

Date: William became Earl of Gloucester 31 Oct. 1147, and would not have been at peace with Stephen till the treaty of Westminster (Nov./Dec. 1153).

344a. Glemsford College (1135–54)

Confirmation of liberties

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) abbati de Sancto Edmundo et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Suff(olc) et Norf(olc) salutem. Sciatis quod pro salute anime mee et M(athildis) regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Angl(orum) concessi et confirmavi congregationi fratrum de Glemisforde omnes libertates et quietationes suas quas habuerunt tempore predecessorum meorum regum Angl(orum). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et honorifice illas habeant et possideant imperpetuum. T(estibus) etc.

MS.: Cambridge Univ. Lib., *MS. Ff. ii. 33, f. 141.

Cf. Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 110. Theobald describes the college as *congregatio clericorum*, but in charters of Henry II and Henry III we find, as here, a congregation of brethren. All that is known of the college comes from one folio in a register of St. Edmund's Abbey, and the first few lines show that the college had certain burial rights.

345. Gloucester Abbey (allegedly 1138)

General confirmation (*spurious*)

*A*nno ab incarnatione *domini* nostri Jhesu Christi millesimo centesimo xxxviii, ego Stephanus rex Anglorum *anno* regni mei tertio, petitione Walterii de Laci abbatis Gloecestrie et quorundam optimatum m*eorum*, concessi et confirmavi ecclesie Sancti Petri de Gloecestria terras ecclesias et decimas et omnes donationes *quas b*arones Anglie predicte ecclesie dederunt, et antecessores mei reges per suas cartas confirmaverunt, scilicet: Bertonam, Stanedis, Lecce, Otintunam: manerium de Maismora cum silva et terris adjacentibus ex dono

Henrici regis; Broctrop ex dono Aheline de Hibreio, Colnam Sancti Andree et duos rattnihctes et unam ecclesiam cum una hida terre et unum molendinum ex dono Rogeri de Gloecestria; ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Herefort cum prebendis et terris et decimis et omnibus rebus que ad eam pertinent ex dono Hugonis de Laceio; escambium de orto mona*chorum* in quo turris Gloecestrie sed*et* sicut Walterius vicecomes eis lib*eravit*; ecclesiam Sancti Cadoci de Lan*karvan* cum terra que voca*tur Treigof* ex dono Rodberti filii Ham*onis*; in Hantescira unam terram *que vocatur Lyte*ltuna ex dono Hugonis de Portu; in *L*incheol*th ex do*no Ernulfi de Hesdine; *Ledene* quam reddidit Walterius de Laceio; in *D*evenesc*ira Plum*treu ex dono Odonis filii *Ga*melini quam postea *abbas Serlo* escambivit Nich*olao* de Pola pro terra que dicitur A*lnodestuna*; Cleangra ex dono Rogerii de Berchelai; in Hertfortscira *unam hidam* apud Aspretunam ex dono Rodberti Curci; *in ea*dem provincia unam hidam ex dono Willelmi de Ebroicis; in Erchenefelt terram de Uesteuude de dono Walterii de Gloecestria; unam terrulam apud Getinges de dono *Ju*rici de Logis; molendinum *de* Framalada quod Winebaldus de *B*adelona reddidit ecclesie; Cliffort de dono Rogerii *de Buselei*o; Rudefor*d* ex dono Henrici regis; Rudelai ex dono Radulfi Bloihet; ecclesiam *de Ethrop* cum decima ejusdem ville et terra presbiteri, et in eadem villa unum molendinum cum terra pertinente; ecclesiam de Chinemeresfort cum decima et terra sacerdotis; ecclesiam *de* Northuna cum quinque virg*atis terre et cum decima* et aliis rebus adjacentibus ex dono Ernulfi de *Hesdine* et Emmeline uxoris *ejus*; *decimam Cestretone* de dono Nigelli de Oilli; de dono Helie *Giffard* quandam partem silve cum tribus *bordariis*; de dono Patricii de Cadurcis unam virgatam terre in Chinemerefort liberam ab omnibus *rebus excep*tis geldis meis; et unam mansuram in mora nigri fossati sim*iliter* liberam, et domos Edrici pre*fecti in mora illa* positas, et terram que ei pertinet, *et* decimam pratorum *illius* ville, et unum molendinum *cum terra ei pertinente*, et decimam duorum molendinorum ibidem, et *unam hydam* terre in Omenai de feodo *et concessu Patricii*; in eadam villa dim*idiam* hidam quam Tovi tenuit *in* elemosina de rege *Henrico*; *Glasberiam apud* Brechennio cum terris et *silv*is et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus; et totam decimam *totius dominii de Brechennio*, scilicet annone pecorum *c*aseorum venationum *mellis*; insuper *etiam ecclesiam de Coure cum tota decima* illius parochie *et te*rra ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinente; *et unam hydam que vocatur Beche ex dono* Bernardi de Novo mercato; ecclesiam *Sancti Gundeli cum terra et decimis ei pertinentibus* ex dono Willelmi regis; molendinum de dono *H*elie Giffart; *ecclesiam de Cernay cum decima ad eam* pertinente et ecclesiam Sancte Helene cum una virgata terre ex dono *Walterii vicecomitis*; *duo* essarta cum pratellis adjacentibus illis et silvulam in feudo m*eo de Celeswortha ex dono Willelmi regis*; terram de Rugge quam Thomas *de Sancto Johanne* reddidit predicte ecclesie; D*untesburne ex dono Ermeline uxoris Walterii* de Laceio; unum molendinum cum virg*ata terre* adjacentis *liberum et quietum ex dono Willelmi de Auco*; terram de Sotesora quam reddidit Rogerius de *Berkelay*; *aquam que currit per abbatiam ex dono et* concessu antecessorum meorum regum; ecclesiam Sancti Petri *que est in foro* Norwic' ex dono Willelmi regis senioris; unam culturam *terre de* Bulelega *apud H*. . . . Bulelega ex dono ejusdem Willelmi; *omnem* decimam totius venationis mee que *capta erit* in forestis provincie Gloecestrie ex dono Henrici regis; *ubicumque* aliquid sibi vel ecclesie sue necessarium emerint vel transierint absque ulla thelonei vel transitus redditione liceat cum pace reme*are ex dono* Henrici regis; ubicunque *e*venerit capi piscem sturgionem in piscaturis suis sit eorum totus *et integer*, et hoc ex dono Willelmi reg*is*; totam terram *ejusdem ecclesie* esse quietam de carriagio et su*mmagio et* conductu ex dono Henrici regis; ecclesiam Sancti Martini que est super Thamisiam apud *Londoniam, et totam terram quam presbiter ejusdem ecclesie* tenet solutam et quietam ab omnibus consuetudinibus et sco*tis ex dono Ranulphi Peverel*; *ecclesiam Sancti G*uthlaci in Hereford' cum omnibus *ad eam pertinentibus* ex dono ven*erabilis fratris nostri Roberti Herefordensis episcopi*; *ecclesiam de Wycesburie*; ecclesiam de Laver*kestoke ex dono Roberti Gernun et assensu domini Alexandri Lincolniensis episcopi*; *ecclesiam Sancti Leonardi de Stan*lcia cum omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus; capellam *Sancti Johannis Baptiste in silva que dicitur Basing cum omnibus* ad eam pertinentibus; ecclesiam de Nortuna cum omnibus ad ipsam *pertinentibus; ecclesiam Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Gloucestria*; *ecclesiam Sancti* Paterni cum capellis et terris ad eam pertinentibus de dono Ric*ardi fil*ii Gil*eberti; ecclesiam de Teyntone et capellam de silva cum virgata* terre;

ecclesiam de Chilpeec cum terris et decimis et omnibus ad *eam* pertinentibus; *ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Ewyas cum* omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus; insuper et decimas omnium maneriorum *Rodberti de Ewyas; ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Huggemora* et Sancte Brigide virginis cum omnibus ad ipsas pertinentibus; totam terram de *manerio de Estlech quam pro manerio Glasburie de Walterio de Clifforde* excambierunt; ecclesiam etiam de Quenintuna *cum virgata terre et decimis ville et aliis ad* eam pertinentibus; parochiam etiam castelli Gloecestrie absque *alterius ecclesie participatione; relique etiam civitatis tam* intra quam extra muros sicut eam tempore Wlstani Wigor*niensis episcopi et successoris ejus Sampsonis habuerunt; unam* hidam terre in Cumba ex dono Hugardi de Baschervilla.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Ch. xvii. 3 (damaged letter of Simon Bishop of Worcester to Archbishop Theobald with *inspeximus* of this charter); P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 31 (supplying words in italics).
Printed: *Monast.* i. 557; *Cart. Glouc.* i. 222.
Date: C. N. L. Brooke, in *Celt and Saxon*, ed. N. K. Chadwick (1963), 279–83, exposes the forgery and shows that it must have been made in the winter of 1147–8 when the Angevin cause seemed lost and Stephen's victory inevitable.

345. Gloucester Abbey

Variant text of 345 with improbable witnesses

Anno ab incarnatione domini nostri Jhesu Christi millesimo centesimo tricesimo octavo, Ego Stephanus rex Anglorum anno regni mei tertio, petitione Walt(er)i de Lacy abbatis Glouc(estrie) et optimatum meorum concessi et per cartam meam confirmavi ecclesie Sancti Petri de Glouc(estria) terras ecclesias decimas et omnes donationes quas antecessores mei reges et barones Anglie predicte ecclesie dederunt et per suas cartas confirmaverunt, scilicet Lecche, Otintona(m), Berton(am), *etc. sicut confirmationibus precedentibus.*[1] Hiis testibus, Will(elmo) archiepiscopo, Henrici Wynton(iensi) episcopo et aliis.

[1] *i.e.* 365a *and Cart. Glouc. ii. 349–53*

MS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg A., f. 16.
Date: The text gives 1138, but Archbishop William d. 21 Nov. 1136. If this witness-list really belonged to the original forgery, it cannot have improved it.

346. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9)

Freedom from tolls and customs

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et ministris suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Precipio quod tota pecunia Sancti Petri Gloec(estrie) et abbatis et monachorum sit quieta de theloneo et omni consuetudine ubicumque venerit. Et defendo quod non disturbetur injuste super x libras forisfacture. T(este) M(ilone) Gloec(estrie).

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Charters, Glos. a. 1, no. 6 (original, 6½″ × 2¼″, in hand of *scriptor* xvii, with fragment of first seal, now detached, but originally on tongue). Copies in Gloucester D. and C., Reg. A., f. 24; P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 224 (without witness).
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 135; Bigelow, 174.
Date: First seal and Miles of Gloucester. The original seems never to have had a place-date.

347. Gloucester Abbey (1136–9, at Oxford)

Grant of the stream (Fulbrook) flowing through the abbey's court

Stephanus rex Anglorum Miloni Glouc(estrie) et ministris suis et omnibus fidelibus suis de Glouc(estria) salutem. Precipio quod abbas et monachi Sancti Petri Glouc(estrie) habeant aquam suam que currit per curiam suam de abbatia ita bene et in pace et honorifice et juste sicut melius et liberius habuerunt tempore antecessorum meorum regum. Et prohibeo quod non fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia super for(isfacturam) meam. T(este) R(oberto) de Oilli. Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg. A., f. 26; P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 1.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 154.
Date: While Miles of Gloucester was supporting Stephen.

348. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9)

The monks to have their tithe at Barton-by-Gloucester

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Milon(i) Glouc(estrie) salutem. Precipio tibi quod juste facias habere monachos Glouc(estrie) decimam suam de Berthon(a) sicut melius et plenius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1., f. 11v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 178; Bigelow, 162.
Date: While Miles of Gloucester was supporting Stephen.

349. Gloucester Abbey (1138–9, at Burford)

Grant of warren in all their land beyond the Severn

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) M(iloni) Glouc(estrie) et omnibus baronibus Francis et Anglis de Glouc(estresira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse monachis Glouc(estrie) ut habeant warennam in tota terra illorum ultra Sav(er)nam, et nemo fuget in ea in bosco vel plano sine eorum licentia super decem libras forisfacture. Testibus R(ogero) canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el).[1] Apud Bureford(am).

[1] *MS.* Mort'

MSS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1., f. 176v; Gloucester D. and C., Reg. A., f. 23.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 176.
Date because of Miles of Gloucester. Cf. **350, 351**; also **398** which suggests 1136–7.

350. Gloucester Abbey (1136–9, at Burford)

Confirmation of land in Standish (Glos.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum S(imoni) episcopo Wygornensi et M(iloni) Glouc(estrie) et omnibus baronibus Francis et Anglis Gloucestresire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati Glouc(estrie) et monachis suis tenere in dominio totam terram quam Rog(erus) Baioc(ensis) de Thoma archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi) tenuit de manerio Sancti Petri de Stanedis, scilicet Morton(e) et Rennewyka(m) et totam aliam terram quibuscunque illam dedit. Et volo et concedo et firmiter precipio ut perpetualiter sit in elemosina amodo. Et prohibeo ne inde placitent versus aliquem pro aliquo brevi vel precepto, sicut carta regis Henrici testatur et precipit.[1] Testibus R(ogero) cancellario, et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Bureford.

[1] *C. 150/1 end here with* Hiis testibus

MSS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg. B., p. 90; P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 151.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 108.

351. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9, at Burford)

Grants in Chelworth (Wilts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) R(ogero) episcopo Sar(esberiensi) et vicecomiti Wiltesc(ire) et omnibus baronibus Wiltesc(ire) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis de Gloec(estria) in manerio meo de Celeswrda silvulam et ii essarta cum pratellis adjacentibus illis in elemosinam et feodum liberam et quietam pro anima mea sicut rex Willelmus avunculus meus concessit et sicut rex Henricus testatur per cartam suam. T(este) R(ogero) canc(ellario). Apud Buref(ordam).

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Charters, Glos. a. 1, no. 5 (original, 7¾″ × 2½″, in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 583) with tongue and fragment of first seal in white wax, now kept detached). Incomplete copies in P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 43v and f. 192v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 240 and ii. 217 (incomplete); T.A.M.B., pl. v(c) (partial facs.).

352. Gloucester Abbey (1135–54)

Confirmation of 2 breaks with a grove and meadows in Chelworth (Wilts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Sar(esberiensi) et omnibus baronibus Wyltesyre salutem. Concedo ecclesie et monachis Glouc(estrie) duas brechas in feodo meo de Cheles-

worth(e) cum grava et pratellis eisdem in elemosinam pertinentibus sicut rex Willelmus avunculus meus dedit eis.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 43.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 238.
Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1937, from which this writ is derived.

353. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9)

Confirmation of the church of Chipping Norton (Oxon.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Lyncoln(iensi) et omnibus baronibus et filiis Sancte Ecclesie per Oxenford(e)syr(am) constitutis salutem. Concedo deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri Gloec(estrie) et monachis Glouc(estrie) ecclesiam de Norton(a) cum omnibus ei pertinentibus sicut Rob(ertus) filius Walt(er)i et uxor ejus Avelina concesserunt, et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Teste R(ogero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi).

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 127v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 45.
Date: Before Roger Bishop of Salisbury disgraced.

354. Gloucester Abbey (soon after 1135)

The abbot to be re-seised of the church of Chipping Norton (Oxon.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Rob(erto) fil(io) Walt(eri) et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod juste resaysiatis abbatem de Glouc(estria) de ecclesia sua de Northona de terris et decimis et de omnibus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus sicut fuit d[i]e qua rex Henricus novissime mare transivit ad eundum in Normanniam. Et nisi feceris Walt(er)us archid(iaconus) de Oxon(ia) faciat, ne inde amplius clamorem audiam pro penuria pleni recti. Teste.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 127v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 46; van Caenegem, no. 83.
Date: Henry I's last crossing to Normandy was on 2 Aug. 1133, but this ref. back beyond the coronation suggests that this text is a conflation by the writer of the cartulary.

355. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9)

R(oger) Little to prove his right to land in Quedgeley (Glos.) in the abbot's court or lose the land

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) R(ogero) parvo salutem. Si cognoscis quod debeas tenere virgatam terre quam tenes in Quedesleya de abbate Gloc(estrie), tunc precipio tibi quod desicut abbas dicit quod rectum in ea non habes, aut eas in curiam ejus dirationare quod tua esse debeat, vel dimitte ei terram suam sicut justum fuerit. Et nisi feceris M(ilo) Glouc(estrie) faciat etc.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 146v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 96; Bigelow, 163; van Caenegem, no. 46.
Date: While Miles of Gloucester was supporting Stephen.

356. Gloucester Abbey (1135–9, at [Droit]wich)

The abbot's men to have their lands at [Droit]wich (Worcs.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Umfrido vic(ecomiti) de Wych et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod homines abbatis Glouc(estrie) de Wich teneant terras suas et omnia sua bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici. Teste Milone Gloucestrie. Apud Wichium.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 164 (2 versions).
Printed. *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 144.
Date: While Miles of Gloucester was supporting Stephen.

357. Gloucester Abbey (1135–54)

The abbey to hold its land at Ridge (in Standish, Glos.) in peace

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecomiti et ministris suis de Gloucestresyra salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Petri de Glouc(estria) teneat terram suam de Rugge ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut melius tenuit tempore regis Henrici et sicut carta sua testatur, ne super hoc ponatur in aliquam novam vel injustam consuetudinem.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 147.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 97; Bigelow, 163.

358. Gloucester Abbey (Sept. 1148–Sept. 1150, or *c.* 1154, at Windsor)

Grant of the abbey to Abbot Hamelin

Sthephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Hamelino abbati Glouc(estrie) abbatiam de Glouc(estria) in elemosinam. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice illam teneat in terris et in omnibus rebus, sicut aliquis abbas ante eum melius et liberius tenuit cum saca et soca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus eidem abbatie pertinentibus. Hiis testibus R. episcopo London(iensi), et N(igello) Eliensi episcopo, et Ric(ardo) de Lucy, et W(illelmo) de Caisni, et R(icardo) de Canvilla. Apud Windr(esoras).

MSS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg. A., f. 13; P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 181.
Printed. *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 188 (incomplete).
Date: Hamelin was elected abbot on 26 Sept. and cons. by Simon Bishop of Worcester on 5 Dec. 1148. Robert Bishop of London d. 29 Sept. 1150, and his successor Richard was not consecrated till 28 Sept. 1152. As Gloucester was held by the Angevins, it is unlikely that Hamelin would have received a charter from Stephen before the Treaty of Westminster, though in view of Gilbert Foliot's activities the possibility cannot be ruled out. Cf. **359**.

359. Gloucester Abbey (1148–54, at Windsor)

Safe-conduct for Abbot Hamelin

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et ministris suis[1] et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod[2] Hamelinus abbas Glouc(estrie) et omnia sua sunt in meo salvo conductu et in mea firma pace. Quare volo et precipio quod ipse et omnia sua et omnes sui habeant salvum ire et stare et redire per totam pacem meam. Et nullus super hoc eum vel res suas injuste disturbet.[3] T(estibus) R(icardo) de Lucy, et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Wind(eso)r(am).

[1] *a omit* suis [2] *a* quia [3] *a ends here*

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, (*a*) f. 136ᵛ and *(*b*) f. 216ᵛ; Gloucester D. and C., Reg. A., f. 23ᵛ.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 70 and 274.
Date: The language suggests a state of hostilities, but this cannot be proved. Cf. **358**.

360. Gloucester Abbey (1148–54, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the exchange of Glasbury (Heref.) for Eastleach (Glos.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopis justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse escambium illud quod abbas Gisl(ebertus) et conventus Gloecestr(ie) fecerunt cum Walt(er)o filio Ric(ardi) de terra sua de Glasberia pro terra ejusdem Walt(er)i de Estleche. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod monachi Gloecestr(ie) predictam terram de Estlech(e) bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut idem Walt(er)us eam illis concessit. T(estibus) R(oberto)

ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi), et Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto), et Jordan(o) fil(io) Tesc(i). Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MSS.: Gloucester D. and C., St. Peter's Abbey deeds, *vol. vi, f. 12 (original, $7\frac{1}{16}'' \times 3\frac{9}{16}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 224); tag, tongue, and seal all missing). Copy in P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 76ᵛ (cartulary), without witnesses.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 314 (from cartulary).
Date: While Robert was bishop of Lincoln, i.e. after 19 Dec. 1148. The actual exchange was made in 1144 (*Cart. Glouc.* i. 311–14).

361. Gloucester Abbey (1139–54)

Confirmation of the gift of Yanworth (Glos.)

Steph(anus) rex Anglorum ep(iscop)o Wigorn(iensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Gloucestresir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam Rainaldus de Coches fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Glouc(estria) et monachis ejusdem ecclesie de villa sua de Þanewordie in elemosinam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut [Rainaldus] predictus eis illam concessit et dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Hiis testibus.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 178.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 181.
Date: Reginald's gift was made while Gilbert Foliot was abbot (1139–48), ibid. ii. 180.

362. Gloucester Abbey (April 1153–Dec. 1154)

Confirmation of the same by Duke Henry

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitan(orum) et comes Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse abbati et monachis Glouc(estrie) quamdam terram in Gloucestresira que Þaneworþe vocatur, quam Rainaldus de Coches eisdem monachis dedit in elemosinam et carta sua confirmavit. Quare precipio ut hiidem monachi eandem terram in perpetuum habeant. Teste etc.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 178.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 182.
Date: While Henry duke of Aquitaine. There is an identical charter by him as king, ibid. ii. 181.

362a. Gloucester Abbey (Sept. 1151–*c.* May 1153)

Duke Henry confirms half Hampton (Glos.) and its church to the abbey

Henricus dux Normannie et comes Andegavie omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et ballivis suis de Gloucestresyra et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem quam Hugo Talemasche fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Gloucestria de medietate Hamptone in Gloucestresyra cum ecclesia ejusdem ville, cum assensu Thome de Sancto Johanne domini sui, excepto feodo Clarembaldi in eadem villa. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus monachi predicte ecclesie Gloucestrie illam terram et ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in omnibus rebus libere et quiete et honorifice ut liberam elemosinam possideant sicut carta predicti Thome de Sancto Johanne testatur, et sicut ipse Hugo illa eis dedit, et filius et heres suus Petrus concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Nullus igitur eis injuriam vel damnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. Hiis testibus.

MS.: P.R.O. C. 150/1, f. 84ᵛ.
Printed: **Cart. Glouc.* i. 332.

363. Gloucester Abbey (Sept. 1151–*c.* May 1153)

Duke Henry confirms the fishery at Dunny (in Churcham, Glos.)

H(enricus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus atque ministris suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem Rog(er)ii comitis Hereford(ie) de piscaria de Dunie quam idem comes dedit et reddidit deo et Sancto Petro et monachis Glouc(estrie) que de jure ejusdem ecclesie fuerat sicut carta comitis testatur.

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 52.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 259.
Date: Henry's titles.

363a. Gloucester Abbey (April 1153–April 1154, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry grants custody of the wood of South Ridge in Ruddle (in Newnham, Glos.)

H(enricus) dux Norm(anorum) et Aquit(anorum) et com(es) Andeg(avorum) omnibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et Sancto Petro et monachis Glouc(estrie) custodiam nemoris de Sudrugg(e) quod pertinet ad Rudelay ita libere et quiete tenendam sicut aliquis de meis baronibus liberius vel quietius custodiam sui nemoris habet in extremitate foreste mee, et precipio quod nullus de ministris meis in custodia predicti nemoris aliquam dirationem vel preceptum habeat nisi in venatione tantum. T(estibus) Reg(inaldo) com(ite) Cornub(ie), Man[a]s(ero) Biset dapifero, Hug(one) de Pir(is), Gaufrid(o) de Bruerc(urt). Apud Glouc(estriam).

MS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg. B, p. 25.
Date: While Henry duke of Aquitaine and in England.

363b. Gloucester Abbey (April 1153–April 1154, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry confirms the wood of South Ridge in Ruddle (in Newnham, Glos.)

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et Sancto Petro et monachis Glouc(estrie) nemus suum de Sudrugge quod pertinet ad manerium suum de Rudel(e) ut habeant et teneant illud imperpetuum in bona pace et quiete et libere ab omni servitio et exactione, ita ut sine omni impedimento et contradictione possit capere de predicto nemore quantum voluerint, et facere inde sicut melius viderint expedire in usum et comodum ecclesie sue. Et prohibeo ne aliquis de ministris vel forestariis meis in toto predicto nemore aliquam dirationem vel preceptum habeat nisi [de] venatione tantum, et quod nullus inde eis molestiam aut gravamen inferre presumat. T(estibus) Reg(inaldo) comite Cornub(ie), Man(a)s(sero) Biset dapifero, Hug(one) de Pir(is), Gaufrido de Bruercurt. Apud Gloucestr(iam).

MS.: Gloucester D. and C.,* Reg. B., p. 24.

364. Gloucester Abbey (April 1153–April 1154, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry orders that the monks have all their lands, churches, and tithes in Norfolk

Henricus dux Normann(orum) et Aquitan(orum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Will(elmo) dei gratia Norwic(ensi) episcopo et Hugon(i) comiti de Norf(olcia) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio et diligenter precor quatinus monachis Gloucestrie habere faciatis omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas ecclesie Sancti Petri Glouc(estrie) pertinentes que apud vos sunt, ne aliquid in partibus vestris auxilii vestri vel justicie penuria amittant. T(estibus) com(ite) He(re)ford(ie), et Manasser Biseth. Apud Glouc(estriam).

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 150/1, f. 123v.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* ii. 34; Delisle, no. 59*.
Date: While Henry duke of Aquitaine and in England.

365. Gloucester Abbey (1153–4)

Duke Henry orders that the monks have their mills at Alney and Tadwell and their land at Coleby

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum Eustachio filio Johannis et Jocelino castellano Fruarii salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod sicut me diligitis monachis Gloucestrie habere faciatis omnia que de jure eorum sunt apud vos et nominatim quoddam molendinum suum apud Olneyam ex dono Ranulphi comitis Cestrie pro xl solidis, et aliud molendinum apud Taddewelle ex dono Aliz sororis ejusdem comitis pro anima Ricardi filii Gileberti viri sui, et terram suam apud Coleby, ne auxilii vestri penuria monachi predicti [ea] amittant. Testibus.

MS.: P.R.O. Gloucester Cartulary (C. 150/1), f. 44.
Printed: *Cart. Glouc.* i. 241; *Delisle-Berger, no. 60*.
Date: Henry's titles.

365a. Gloucester Abbey (April 1153–April 1154)

General confirmation by Duke Henry

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitan[orum] et comes Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus justiciariis prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Petri de Glouc(estria) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas et libertates et consuetudines et omnes donationes quas antecessores mei reges Angl(orum) eis concesserunt. Preterea concedo eis et confirmo omnia illa que archiepiscopi vel episcopi comites et barones et milites seu alii quilibet fideles predicte ecclesie rationabiliter dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt, scilicet Bertona(m) etc. *ut in precedenti confirmatione* H(enrici) [secundi] regis,[1] ecclesiam Sancti Guntluy cum terra et decimis et pertinentibus ex dono Will(elm)i regis junioris, terram de Rugga quam Thomas de Sancto Joh(ann)e reddidit predicte ecclesie etc.; ecclesiam Sancti Gudlaci Hereford cum omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus ex dono Rob(er)ti Hereford(ensis) episcopi etc.; ecclesiam de Dugledi et omnes capellas et terras et decimas ad ipsam pertinentes ex dono Wizonis et Walt(eri) filii ejus; et medietatem Hamtone juxta Leccham de dono Hugonis Talemasche, excepto feodo Clare(m)bald(i), et ecclesiam ejusdem ville cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus quam medietatem ville predicte tam in dominio quam in villenagio concessit Petrus filius ejus et heres et carta sua confirmavit, et totam piscariam de Dunie cujus medietatem Rog(erus) comes H(er)eford(ie) reddidit predicte ecclesie, quam ego H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) prece ipsius Rog(er)i alia carta mea confirmavi etc; omnia essarta de Hardeperer et de Maiesmora que Will(elmus) comes Glouc(estrie) concesserat predicte ecclesie etc. Teste Rog(er)o comite H(er)eford(ie), et Manissero Biset dapifero etc.

[1] *Marginal note*: que hic sequuntur non confirmantur in precedenti confirmatione. *The 'preceding' confirmation is that of Henry II as king* (*Cart. Glouc.* ii. 349–53).

MS.: Gloucester D. and C., *Reg. A., f. 16.
Date: While Henry was duke of Aquitaine and in England.

Gloucester, Miles of *see* Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141).

366. Godstow Abbey (soon after 8 Jan. 1139, at Godstow)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Concedo deo et Sancte Marie et Sancto Johanni B(aptiste) et sanctimonialibus de Godestow subscriptas terras et omnes teneduras in omnibus rebus bene et quiete et libere inperpetuam elemosinam possidendas sicut ego et alii domini eas concessimus et dedimus ad tenendum quiete et libere de placitis et occasionibus et querelis et omnibus rebus die qua dedicata fuit ecclesie (*sic*) de Godestow, scilicet de meo proprio dominio c solidatas in vico qui dicitur

Waltona, et de dono regine uxoris mee x marcatas, et de dono Eustachii filii mei c sol(idos) in denariis donec terram habeat. Et de dono T(heobaldi) archiepiscopi Cant(uariensi) c solidatas. Et de dono A(lexandri) episcopi Linc(olniensis) c solidatas. Et de dono episcopi R(oberti) Exoniensis xl sol(idos) in duabus ecclesiis. Et de dono Johannis de Sancto Johanne i molendinum de iiii libris et mansuras ii^{orum} hominum cum appendiciis et particularum terre ante portam ecclesie, insula[m] que inter lac[u] et duabus aquis et dimidium pratum quod dicitur Lambeia. Et de dono Roberti de Oilli alteram medietatem ejusdem prati, scilicet Lambeie et i modium frumenti quoq(ue) anno. Et de dono abbatis de Westmonasterio lx solidatas. Et totidem de dono abbatis Abendonie.[1] Et de dono Milonis Gloec(estrie) xx sol(idos). Et de dono civium Oxineford(e) terram in Portmaneit quam tenuit Sagrinus. Et de dono Rad(ulfi) cancel(larii) regine unam marcam argenti donec terram habeat. Item concedo eis in Oxineford(a) ix sol(idos) de dono Hugonis de Tiwa. Et iii s(olidos) de dono Senari. Et apud Lund(oniam) in Estcheap xi s(olidos). Et in Blecenduna i virgatam terre de dono Rogeri de Almari. Et in Sciptona v s(olidos) de dono Rad(ulfi) filii Rog(eri). Hec omnia concedo et confirmo eis perpetuo possidenda in pace et quiete et libere ab omnibus secularibus consuetudinibus, ita ut hanc curiam suam tenendam cum soc et sake et toll et team et infangen[t]heof honorifice et libere sicut aliqua ecclesia in Anglia melius et liberius et quietius tenet in omnibus rebus. Hoc idem concedentibus et confirmantibus T(heobaldo) archiepiscopo Cantuariensi ceterisque qui aderant, scilicet A(lexandro) Lincoln(iensi), A(lgaro) Constant(iensi), R(oberto) Exon(iensi), Rog(ero) Salesb(eriensi), R(oberto) Bat(oniensi), S(imone) Wigorn(ensi), perpetuo religantes anathemati hujus donationis adversarios. Albericus etiam Hostiensis episcopus et apostolice sedis legatus hoc idem confirmavit apostolica auctoritate et sua relaxans de penitentiis annum unum omnibus benefactoribus ejusdem cenobii et omnibus qui singulis annis die Sancte Marie virginis vel in natali Sancti Johannis Baptiste predictum locum visitaverint xl dies.

[1] Et de dono Milodonie *erased in MS.*

MS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20 (Godstow Cartulary), f. 2.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 362.
Date: After the consecration of Archbishop Theobald and before the departure of the Legate Alberic (i.e. 8–13 Jan. 1139). According to a letter of Alexander Bishop of Lincoln the occasion was the consecration of the abbey church. Cf. *E.H.R.*, xxv. 114–16.

367. Godstow Abbey (1136–41, at Oxford)

Grant of 2½ hides and ½ virgate in Shillingford (Oxon.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus suis fidelibus de Oxon(ie) scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancte Marie de Godestowe et monialibus in ea deo servientibus duas hidas terre et dimidiam et dimidiam virgatam in Shillingford. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et moniales terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus et solutam et quietam omni seculari exactione et servitio. T(estibus) Com(ite) Sim(one), et W(illelmo) de Caisn(eto). Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 145; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 408, f. 162^{v} (incomplete Engl. trans. of *c.* 1450).
Printed: Clark, *Engl. Reg. of Godstow Nunnery*, ii. 534 (from Rawlinson MS.)

368. Godstow Abbey (2 Feb.–25 July 1141, at Devizes)

The empress grants 52s. 6d. of land in Shillingford and 100s. of land in Walton, which King Stephen gave

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia episcopo Lincolie et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis tam presentibus quam futuris de Oxenefordsire salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et animabus patris et matris mee et pro salute mea propria et liberorum meorum et statu regni Anglie dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Beati Johannis Baptiste in perpetuam elemosinam ad Godestow lii solidatas et vi

denar(ios) terre in Shillingford(a) et c solidatas terre apud Walton(am) quas rex Stephanus eidem loco dedit. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum teneatur inperpetuum carta mea et sigilli mei privilegio sanctitum esse volui et volo, et firmiter precipio quod bene et plenarie et pacifice libere honorifice et quiete supradicti loci monache habeant et teneant terras illas sicut dictum est inperpetuum. Hiis testibus Herbertus (*sic*) capellanus Gloec(estrie) comit(is), Milone de Gloec(estria), et Briencio fil(io) Comitis. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 144v; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 408, f. 162 (Engl. abstract).
Printed: Clark, op. cit. 651 (from Rawlinson MS.).
Date: If Matilda's style is right (*not* domina Anglorum) the date must be before 7 April. 1141. But the cartulary cannot be trusted on this point (see 369–71), and it is therefore safer to say that it is before Miles of Gloucester was created Earl of Hereford (25 July) but after the battle of Lincoln. The first witness is in the nominative, the others in the ablative, in the MS.

369. Godstow Abbey (April 1141–Dec. 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants a fair at Godstow

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici)regis filia et Anglorum domina justic(iis) et baronibus et omnibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem.[1] Sciatis me concessisse et in perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo et Sancto Johanni Baptiste et sanctimonialibus de Godestowe ut habeant unam feriam apud Godestowe ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste que duret tres dies plenarie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod omnes illi qui ad feriam illam venerint habeant meam firmam pacem, et omnes res eorum in eundo et redeundo, ne aliquis eos nec res eorum injuste disturbet, super forisfacturam x lib(rarum). T(estibus) episcopo Eliensi et Will(elm)o canc(ellario), R(oberto) comite Gl(oecestrie). Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

[1] *B* M. imperatrix regis H. filia justiciis et baronibus et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 3v (2 versions, *A* and *B*); Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 408, f. 15 (incomplete Engl. trans.).
Printed: Clark, op. cit. 650 from Rawlinson MS.
Date: While Maud was *domina Anglorum* and at Oxford.

370. Godstow Abbey (1143, at Devizes)

The empress grants land in Shillingford and Walton (Oxon.) and (?)

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris omnibusque fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et animabus patris mei H(enrici) regis Anglie et matris mee Matild(is) regine et salute anime mee et incolumitate domini mei G(aufredi) ducis Norm(annorum) et comitis And(egavorum) et meorum liberorum dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Johannis de Godestowe et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus terram de Shillingford, videlicet duas hidas et dimidiam, et dimidiam virgatam quam Rad(ulphus) vicecomes (*sic*) pro l duobus solidis et vi denariis tenuit, et centum solidatas terre in Waltone imperpetuam elemosinam sicut eam habuer(unt) quando apud Oxineford(iam) obsessa fui, et ideo volo et firmiter precipio quod supradicti loci monache terras illas et terram suam de Entona et alias omnes terras ecclesie sue pertinentes habeant et teneant in bono et pace libere quiete et honorifice in pratis in aquis in pasturis in bosco et plano et molendinis et aliis rebus omnibus et liberis consuetudinibus et libertatibus, sum socco et sacco et thol et theam et infangenetheof et de hundredo et denegaldo et scira et omni geldo et omnibus querelis et aliis exactionbus liberas et quietas, et sicut aliquis ecclesia melius et liberius vel quietius in tota Anglia possessiones suas tenet, ne aliquis in aliquo eis injuriam vel contumeliam inferat. Domum enim illam et que ad eam spectant omnia in manu mea et custodia ac protectione suscepi sicut eam videlicet quam pater meus et ego fundavimus, et que de nostra propria est elemosina. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum teneatur imperpetuum, carte mee et sigilli mei privilegio sanctitum esse volui. Hiis testibus Rob(erto)

com(ite) Gloc(estrie), Milone com(ite) Heref(ordie), et Briencio fil(io) Com(itis), Hunfrido de Bohun. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 144ᵛ; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 408, f. 161ᵛ (Engl. abs.).
Printed: Clark, op. cit. 651 from Rawlinson MS.
Date: After siege of Oxford and before d. of Earl Miles (i.e. Dec. 1142–24 Dec. 1143). If genuine, this is another example of Geoffrey being styled Duke of Normandy before 23 Apr. 1144; cf. Haskins, 130, n. 24. If Entone is Water Eaton nr. Cricklade it was not given to the abbey till 1145, and then by Reginald fitz Count who supported Stephen. The cartulary text fails to style Maud *domina Anglorum*.

371. Godstow Abbey (1143, at Devizes)

The empress confirms various grants

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecom(itibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et animabus patris mei Henr(ici) regis Angl(orum) et matris mee Matild(is) regine et salute anime mee et incolumitate domini mei G(alfridi) ducis Norm(annorum) et comitis Andeg(avorum) et meorum liberorum dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Godestowe et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus terram de [Shillingford] videlicet duas hidas et dimidiam et dimidiam virgatam quam Rad(ulphus) scriba tenuit per annum pro lii solidis et vi denariis cum pratis et pasturis, et centum solidatas terre in Waltona ita integre totam sicut eam habuerunt quando apud Oxineford(am) obsessa fui, et piscariam in Charewell(a) et aquam cum pertinentiis suis necnon et cum pratis et pasturis et totam decimam omnium fructuum de Wodestoch, et nundinas que durent iii dies plenarios apud Godestowe ad natale Sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et firmiter precipio quod omnes illi qui ad illas nundinas venerint habeant mean firmam pacem et omnes res eorum in eundo morando et redeundo, ne aliquis eos nec res eorum injuste disturbet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia de Godestowe et moniales illas terras et terram suam de Eatona, et wica(m) in Portmaneit quam cives Oxineford(e) eis dederunt, et ecclesiam Sancti Egidii juxta Oxineford(am) quam Ailwin(us) filius Godegos eis dedit, et molendinum suum quod vocatur Boiemyln cum pratis et pasturis et terris et omnibus pertinentiis et alias omnes terras ecclesie sue pertinentes habeant et teneant in bono et pace in perpetuam elemosinam, et quecumque alia dei distributione adquisita fuerint cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus cum soca et saca et tolle et team et infangenepeof bene et in pace et libere et honorifice prorsus quietas et liberas de scire et hundredo et geldo et denegeldo et placitis et auxiliis et assisis et scutagiis, de murdro et latrocinio et omni geldo omnibusque querelis et exactionibus omnibusque aliis rebus, ne aliquis eis injuriam vel molestiam in aliquo faciat. Omnia predicta ecclesia de Godestowe et moniales ibidem deo servientes et omnes res et possessiones et homines sui et omnia que ad illas spectant specialius omnibus ceteris in Anglia sunt in mea propria manu protectione et custodia. Hiis testibus Bernard(o) episcopo de S(ancto) David, Rob(erto) com(ite) Gloec(estrie), Milon(e) com(ite) Hereford(ie), et Brient(io) fil(io) Com(itis), Hunfrid(o) de Bohun. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 45, *inspex.* of Ed. II, ibid., ff. 172ᵛ and 175ᵛ, Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 16, *inspex.* of Ric. II, ibid., f. 178ᵛ; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 408, f. 162 (Engl. abs.).
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 329; Clark, op. cit. 652 (from Rawlinson MS.).
Date: As for **370**.

372. Godstow Abbey (*c.* 1144, at Devizes)

The empress and her son confirm the land previously held by Ralph the scribe at Shillingford (Oxon.)

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina et Henricus eius filius archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Godestowe et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Henrici regis patris nostri, Matild(is) regine matris nostre et omnium antecessorum nostrorum

fidelium defunctorum, et pro salute et incolumitate domini nostri Gaufr(idi) Norm(annorum) ducis et nostra, et pro statu regni Angl(ie) terram de Shillingford que est de tenedura de Bensinton(a) quam Rad(ulphus) scriba tenebat ad firmam singulis annis pro lii solidis et vi denariis. Volumus igitur et precipimus quod ita honorifice bene et pacifice et libere et quiete cum tol et team et soco et saca et infangenetheof et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus teneant cum quibus aliqua elemosina in Anglia liberius vel quietius et melius tenet(ur). T(estibus) Bern(ardo) episcopo Sancti David, Herb(er)to clerico, Will(elm)o Deffublato, Ernulfo de Hesding, Rob(erto) de Donestanvilla, Goscelino de Bailliolo, et pluribus aliis. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 44v; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS., B. 408, f. 16tv (Engl. abstract).

Printed. Clark, op. cit. 535 from Rawlinson MS.

Date: While Geoffrey was duke of Normandy and both Matilda and Henry were in England.

Note: A charter purporting to be by Duke Henry is given in P.R.O. Exch., Misc. Bk. i. 20, f. 163, but it is more probably a charter of Henry II as king, as given in Bodl. Lib., MS., Rawlinson B. 408, f. 184, and as suggested by the attestation of Richard de Camville.

373. Goldcliff Priory (allegedly at Bristol)

Duke Henry confirms generally

Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis et Walensibus totius Normannie et Anglie et Wallie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro anima patris mei G(aufridi) comitis Andegavorum et matris mee Matillidis imperatricis et Henrici regis avi mei et antecessorum et heredum meorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnia illa que Robertus de Candos et ceteri fideles ecclesie Sancte Marie matris domini nostri Jesu Christi de Becco et Sancte Marie Magdalene de Goldcliva dederunt in terris, in ecclesiis, in decimis, in dignitatibus, in adquietationibus, in consuetudinibus, et in omnibus rebus, in aqua, in terra et nemore et in omnibus ceteris rebus presentis scripti munimine confirmo. Hec sunt autem que Robertus de Candos concessione et confirmatione Henrici regis avi mei dedit et concessit predicte ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Goldcliva pro anima sua et uxoris sue Isabel et filiorum suorum, videlicet moram de Goldcliva, sicut Pulmeia vadit usque in Oscam per divisiones aquarum et fossalium, terram de Nova Villa que fuit Eugeni Walensis, terram que fuit Isabel uxoris sue in eadem mora. Rannulfus dedit concessione Roberti de Candos terram quam habuit in eadem mora in Ernesnesse, totam decimam terre sue de Wales omnium reddituum denariorum suorum, decimam dominii sui, decimam mellis in bosco et in piscationibus, et decimam molendini sui et pomorum pomerii sui de Karliun, et ecclesiam Sanctorum Julii et Aaron atque Albani cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene de Goldcliva cum decima ad eam pertinente, id est a Sambrina usque Pulcric. In Anglia quoque dedit manerium quod vocatur Siluria cum appendiciis suis et juxta Siluriam terram de Redehewis et de Derneford, et ecclesiam de Peritona cum terra et decima que ad eam pertinet et redecimam dominii ejusdem ville. Item ecclesiam de Staueia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et redecimam dominii ejusdem ville et redecimam de Bura: et in terra Sancti Edmundi in Suffolchia decimam dominii de Beteford et de Acolt et de Gretingham. Rogerus vero de Candos dedit prefate ecclesie Goldclive terram duarum carucarum ad Clivam in Wiltesira. Isabel autem uxor predicti Roberti de Candos dedit terram suam in predicta mora Goldclive. Ranulphus vero de Strengestane dedit terram suam in eadem mora. Willelmus etiam de Batpalmes dedit terram suam in eadem mora concessu Walteri de Candos, et ipse Walterus de Candos dedit maneriolum nomine Pulpen et terram Walteri in predicta mora et extra moram Goldclive juxta Karliun ecclesiam Sancte Trinitatis. Isabel etiam de Candos et Robertus filius ejus dederunt concessione Walteri filii predicte Isabel, Prestonam in Sumerseta et Membr(ia) in Devensira prenominate ecclesie Goldclive ubi corpora sua requiescunt. Item Walterus de Candos dedit unam carucatam terre apud Staueiam juxta nemus et aliam carucatam terre juxta castellum. Robertus etiam filius Martini dedit predicte ecclesie Goldclive dimidiam hidam terre in Cumtona et aliam dimidiam hidam terre super

Menedipp. Morganus filius Oweni et Jorwerd frater ejus dederunt predicte ecclesie Goldclive in Oscam unam piscariam que vocatur Quinque Piscarie, et in predicta mora unam terram et aliam piscariam transversam in Osca apud Karliun. Testibus Roberto comite Gloucestrie, Milo(ne) comite Herefordie, Manassero Bisset dapifero, Warino filio Geroldi camerario, Willelmo filio Hamonis, Roberto de Juvenio. Apud Bristolliam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 18 Ed. I, m. 9.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 362; Delisle-Berger, no. 48*.
Date: Impossible. Henry did not become duke of Normandy till 1150; but Miles Earl of Hereford d. 24 Dec. 1143, and Robert Earl of Gloucester d. 31 Oct. 1147.

373a. Gospatric of Dunbar (Feb. 1136, at York)

Grant of the lands of his uncle Edmund and of Liolf fitz Uctred

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecom(iti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Northumberland salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Gospatricio fr(atr)i Dolfini terram Edmundi avunculi sui quam de rege Henrico tenebat, et terram Winnochi, videlicet sex maneria Bremdonam et Benelegam et Hiddesleie et Bremetonam Thitelittonam et Harop cum omnibus hominibus et rebus que fuerunt in terra illa die qua rex Henricus dedit illa maneria Hamoni.[1] Et terram Liolfi filii Uctredi, videlicet tres Mideltonas et Roden et Horsleiam et servitium Gospatrich(ii) et Stantonam et Wyndegatam et Wottonam et Wittonam et Rittonam, sicut rex Henricus ei illas dedit et concessit per cartas suas. Et habeat suas rectas divisas quas monstrare poterit se juste habere debere. Et ideo volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat predictas terras suas et omnia sua, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis et stagnis et esclusis, in via et semitis, in divisis et exitibus, et in omnibus locis cum socha et sacha et tholl et theam et infangthefe et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus suis, sicut melius umquam tenuit et liberius tempore regis Henrici. Et super hoc omnes fugationes que feodo suo pertinent. T(estibus) R[ogero][2] cancellario, et W(illelmo) Martel, et R(oberto) de Veer. Apud Ebor(acum).

[1] *Sic MS., possibly in error for* Edmundi [2] *MS.* Reg

MSS.: Brentford, Syon House: The Percy Cartulary, f. 125; Bodl. Lib.,* Dodsworth MS. 74, f. 28ᵛ (from the above).
Printed: J. Raine, *Memorials of Hexham Priory*, i, p. xiii (Surtees Soc., vol. 44); M. T. Martin, ed., *The Percy Chartulary*, p. 333 (Surtees Soc., vol. 117).
Date: Gospatric [Earl] of Dunbar is thought to have been killed fighting for the Scots at the Battle of the Standard (22 Aug. 1138). This charter would therefore belong to Stephen's visit to York in Feb. 1136.

374. Hatfield Broad Oak Priory (1143–54)

General confirmation, including the manor of Hatfield Regis (or Broad Oak) (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) baronibus justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essex(a) et prepositis et ministris suis de Hatfeld salutem. Sciatis q(uia) confirmo abbati Sancti Melanii Redon(ensis) et monachis in Hatf(elde) manentibus omnes ecclesias terras decimas possessiones elemosinas et omnes res quas habent in terra mea per omnia de cujuscumque dono sint, et nominatim ecclesiam manerii mei de Hatf(elda) cum terris redditibus locis pannagiis et cum omnibus libertatibus que ad eam pertinent, et terram de Hichendon(a), eidem monasterio ratif(ico) et confir(mo) imperpetuum. Et preter hoc do et concedo dictis monachis pasturam ad carneam suam et ad porcos suos in pastura mea dominica et in campis meis cum meis porcis perpetualiter.

MS.: B.M. *Add. Charter, 28320 (11·4″ × 2·7″, written in a fifteenth-century hand, with no seal, tongue, tag, or slits; possibly cut out of a cartulary).
Date: The manor of Hatfield was given to Geoffrey de Mandeville in 1141 (**276**). This grant must be after his fall in Sept. 1143.

375. Hatfield Peverel Priory (1135–9, at Winchester)

Notice of a lost charter concerning the tithes of Maldon (Ess.)

Rex Stephanus confirmat monachis Sancte Marie de H(adfelda) . . . de decimis de Meldona quos Willelmus Peverillus eis dedit [in elemo]sina. Confirmo itaque et consigno hanc ipsam concessionem . . . ad honorem dei et Sancte Marie et omnium sanctorum. Ut . . . sunt hos etc. fraudulenter sive aliquo modo predicte ecclesie impe[dire] . . . [vel di]minuere. Hec fecit pro anima Willelmi regis avi sui et avunc[ulorum suorum regum] Willelmi et Henrici et pro animabus pre(de)cessorum suorum et pro . . . que salute. Teste Rob(er)to bishop of Heref(ord), et Rog(ero) ([cancellario, et] Walleryn Erll of Millaunt, att Wynchester.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius E. ix, f. 42 (damaged transcript of sixteenth century).
Date: While Roger was chancellor.

376. Haughmond Abbey (1135–52)

Grant of 3 carucates and a mill at Walcot (in Wellington, Salop)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Cestr(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Srobeschir(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse canonicis regularibus de Hag[h]mon(d) tres carucatas terre in Wallecota que pertinebant manerio meo de Welinton(a) et unum molendinum in eadem terra in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute mea et Matildis regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum, et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Anglie et omnium fidelium. Quare volo et precipio quod predicti canonici terram illam cum molendino teneant et habeant bene et in pace et libere et quiete in perpetuam elemosinam et liberam ab omni seculari exactione et servitio, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis et in omnibus aliis pertinentiis etc.

MS.: Shrewsbury Borough Library, *Haughmond Cart., f. 220^{v}.
Printed: *Arch. Journal* xiii (1856), 150 (noticed).
Date: Before the death of the queen.

377. Haughmond Abbey (June–July 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants 3 carucates in Walcot (Salop)

Matildis imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina episcopo Cestr(ensi) et justiciar(io) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Salopes(cira) salutem. Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod dedi et concessi deo et Sancto Johanni evangeliste de Haghmon(d) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus in elemosinam perpetuam tres carucatas terre in Walecota cum hominibus et omnibus rebus ad illas tres carucatas pertinentibus, pro dei amore et salute anime mee et patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro remissione peccatorum meorum liberas et quietas ab omni seculari servitio et exactione [in] sempiternum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio [quod] bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis, in via et semitis cum socha et sacha et thol et theam et infangeneth(eof) et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et consuetudinibus cum quibus aliquis ecclesia Anglie de elemosina mea melius et liberius tenet. Testibus D(avid) rege Scottorum, et ep(iscop)o R(oberto) Lond(oniensi), et A(lexandro) ep(iscop)o Linc(olnensi),[1] W(illelmo) canc(ellario), R(icardo) de Belmes arch(idiacono), G. arch(idiacono), Rainaldo comite Cornubie, Will(elmo) filio Alani, et W(altero) fr(atr)e suo, Alano de Dunstonvill(a). Apud Oxenford.

[1] *Shrewsbury MS. stops here*

MSS.: Shrewsbury Borough Library, *Haughmond Cart., f. 220^{v}; B.M. Harley MS. 2188, f. 123, which does not give the full text but does give the address and full witness list in a late-sixteenth-century hand 'ex archivis monasterii Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Haghemon'.
Printed: *Arch. Journal* xiii (1856), 149 (calendared); *Trans. Shrops. Arch. Soc.*, 1st series, xi. 106 (calendared); Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, i. 273 and vii. 287 (calendared).
Date: While David King of Scots was with the empress at Oxford.

378. Haughmond Abbey (1141–3)

Grant of Walcot mill (*Salop*)

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina Will(elm)o filio Alani et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Salopes(cira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et canonicis Sancti Johannis de Haghmon(d) molendinum de Walcota pro anima patris mei Henrici regis et matris mee et antecessorum meorum ac mea, ad tenendum ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et plenarie sicut unquam rex Henricus pater meus melius et liberius tenuit tempore suo. Testibus Roberto filio Heldeber(andi), et Walt(ero) filio Alani, et Nigello de Brac.

MS.: Shrewsbury Borough Library, *Haughmond Cart., f. 220v.

Noticed in *Arch. Journal*, xiii (1856), 149, *Trans. Shrops. Arch. Soc.*, 1st series xi (1888), 107, and Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, vii. 287.

Date: After the empress was *Domina Anglorum* and before the death of Robert fitz Hildebrand (*G.S.* p. 101).

379. Haughmond Abbey (*c.* 7 June 1153, at Leicester)

Duke Henry confirms his mother's gifts in Walcot

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam mater mea fecit in elemosinam deo et Sancto Johanni Ewangeliste de Haeman' et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus de tribus carrucatis terre quas ipsa eis dedit apud Wallecota cum hominibus et omnibus rebus ad illas carrucatas pertinentibus et cum molendino ejusdem ville, sicut mater mea prius illis ea dederat. Quare mando et precipio firmiter ut predicti canonici omnia ista predicta in elemosinam perpetuam cum omnibus pertinentiis possideant ut liberam elemosinam, quiete et libere in bono et pace et honorifice, in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et extra, in viis et semitis et in omnibus locis cum soc(a) et sac(a) et tol et team et infangenethef et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus illis quibus unquam aliquis melius et liberius et quietius illa possedit. Prohibeo etiam ne quis eis inde injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. T(estibus) Rob(erto) com(it)e Leg(recestrie), Will(elm)o filio Al(ani), Joh(anne) de Bu(n)d(a), Fu(l)c(one) filio Guar(ini), militibus; clericis vero Hug(one) arch(idiacon)o Leg(recestrie), Pet(r)o medico. Apud Legrecest(riam).

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Ch. Shrops. 107 (original, $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxiii (T.A.M.B., no. S. 57), with fragment of seal in white wax on a tag passed through slits in the fold). Copy in Haughmond Cartulary at Shrewsbury Borough Library, f. 220v (incomplete).

Printed: T.A.M.B., pl. xxiii (facs.).

Date: While Henry duke of Aquitaine and in England. He is known to have been at Leicester on 7 June 1153 (Robert de Torigni, p. 171).

The witness, John de Bu(n)d(a), is a puzzle. The B might conceivably be a badly made L, and there was a John de Lunda who supported the empress; but it is hard to get over the difficulty of what the scribe has actually written.

380. Haute-Bruyère Nunnery (Apr.–Dec. 1154)

General confirmation by Duke Henry, particularly in Waraville and Acquigny (Eure)

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopis et omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus et amicis Normannie[1] salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Alta Bruieria omnes elemosinas que eis in Normannia rationabiliter date sunt, quicunque eas illis dederit, videlicet centum libras de red(d)itu Guaraville quas Amalricus comes Ebroicensis illis dedit, et decem modios annone et centum solidos de redditu [Achinneii] et dono Isabellis de [Monteforti et Radulfi] filii sui et Rogerii de . . ., et gortum unum apud Achinneium ex dono eorumdem. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ecclesia de Alta

[1] *MS.* Normannis

Bruieria et sanctimoniales ibi deo servientes omnia supradicta bene et in pace, libere, quiete, et honorifice teneant et possideant sicut liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Testibus Ph(ilippo) episcopo [Baiocensi],[1] Roberto de Novoburgo, et aliis.

[1] *MS.* Carnotensi

Printed: Lebeurier, *Notice hist. sur la commune d'Acquigny avant 1790* (Évreux, 1862), p. 88; *Delisle–Berger, no. 77* (from Leburier).

381. Henry the Marshal (1144–6 or 1149–50, at Rouen)

Grant of the sergeanties of the banlieu of Rouen and of Cailly

G(alfridus) dux Normenn(orum) comes Andeg(avorum) . . . archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et omnibus episcopis Normennie et comitibus et justiciis suis salutem. Noveritis quod ego dedi et concessi Henrico le Mareschal servienti meo sergenteriam de bagnileuca Rothomagensi sicut se proportat de feodo de Pratellis et de feodo Cailliaco, et dedi eidem Henrico et suis heredibus sergenteriam de Cailliaco sicut se proportat in longum et in latum et sicut extendit de feodo de Cailliaco et de feodo de Pratellis et de feodo de Feritate usque ad partes de Gournayo, et omnia alia ad placitum spate pertinentia, tenenda et habenda dicto Henrico le Mareschal et suis heredibus bene et in pace servientium (*sic*) faciendo. Et volo et concedo quod dictus Henricus le Mareschal et ejus heredes habeant omnes robas tallatas omniaque superlectillia et omnia vasa nisi fuerint argentea et aurata, et carnes baconum nisi bacones fuerint integri, et dolium nisi plenum sit vini, videlicet eorum et earum que membra sua forefaciant, et de domibus que cremabuntur forefactura que eidem Henricus et ejus heredes habeant tantum quantum poterunt sursum percutere de moura spate sue si eques fuerint ignem defendendo. Volo etiam et concedo quod eidem Henricus et ejus heredes habeant suum hardere et suum edificare in foresta mea de Tisone et pasturagia ab omnibus libera et quieta. Et quia volo quod omnia et singula predicta dicto Henrico et ejus heredibus rata et stabilia in perpetuum teneantur, hanc presentem cartam munimine sigilli mei confirmavi. Testibus Hugone Rothomagensi archiepiscopo, Ern(ulfo) Luxoviensi episcopo, Philippo Baiocenso (*sic*) episcopo, Galerano comite Mellendi, Raginaldo de Sancto Walerico, Rogero de Claris vallis (*sic*), Gaufredo de Cleres. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Paris, Arch. Nat. JJ. 72, no. 191 'based on a *vidimus* of Philip v in 1318'.
Printed: *Haskins, p. 152, (no. 13).
Date: Geoffrey was duke of Normandy 1144–50, but Waleran of Meulan was away on crusade 1147–8.

382. Hereford, Cath. and See (*c.* 1136, at Oxford)

Order for a sworn inquest into the bishop's woods afforested by King Henry I

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] M(iloni) Glovernie et [Pagano][1] filio Johannis salutem. Facite recognosci per sacramenta duodecim legalium hominum de comitatu Herefordie quos boscos episcopi Herefordensis Henricus rex afforestavit in vita sua. Et omnes illos episcopo reddo quietos, ita quod nemo fuget in eis, neque se intromittat in aliquo inde nisi per episcopum super forisfactum meum. Teste canc(ellari)o. Apud Oxoniam.

[1] *MS.* Johanni

MSS.: Hereford Dioc. Reg., *Reg. Swinfield, f. 19v; P.R.O. *Cartae Antiquae*, 40 (20), incomplete.
Printed: Capes, *Charters of Hereford Cath.* 8.
Date: Pagan fitz John, if it is he, d. 10 July 1137. Consequential on Stephen's Charter of Liberties (England 2)?

383. Hereford, Cath. and See (*c.* May 1138, at Hereford)

Freedom from toll etc.

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciis et omnibus vicecomitibus et prepositis et ministris suis totius Anglie et Walie salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res episcopi Herefordensis Roberti, quas homines sui poterunt affidare suas esse dominicas, sint quiete de theoloneo et passagio et lestagio et omni alia consuetudine. Et super hoc nullus homines

suos nec res suas disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) H(enrico) comite de Auco, et Brient(io) filio Comitis. Apud Herefordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 29 Ed. III, pt. 1, m. 15.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1354–8*, p. 194; Capes, op. cit. 8.
Date: Stephen, after taking Hereford Cas., wore his crown in Hereford Cath. at Whitsun (May 22) 1138 (J. Worc., 49: H. Hunt. 261) Necessarily before Brian fitz Count joined the empress.

384. Hereford Cath. and See (*c.* May 1138, at Hereford)

Grant of a Sunday market in Ledbury (Heref.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciis et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Herefordiscira salutem. Sciatis quia concedo quod R(obertus) episcopus Herefordensis habeat unum mercatum ad diem Dominicam quaqua septimana in manerio suo de Lideberia. Et precipio quod omnes homines illuc euntes et inde redeuntes juste habeant meam firmam pacem. Teste Johanne Mar(escallo). Apud Herefordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 29 Ed. III, pt. i, m. 15.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1354–8*, p. 195; Capes, op. cit. 8.
Date: Before John the Marshal joined the empress, and as for **383**.

385. Hereford Cath. and See (*c.* May 1138, at Hereford)

Grant of a Thursday market in Ross (Heref.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciis et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis Francis et Anglis de Herefordscira salutem. Sciatis quia concedo Roberto episcopo Herefordensi habere unum mercatum ad diem Jovis quaqua septimana in manerio suo de Ros. Et precipio quod omnes homines illuc euntes et inde redeuntes juste habeant meam pacem. Testibus Brient(io) filio Comitis, et Johanne Mar(escallo). Apud Herefordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 29 Ed. III, pt. i, m. 15.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1354–8*, p. 195; Capes, op. cit. 8.
Date: As for **383–4**.

386. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (*c.* 4 Jan. 1136, at Reading)

Grant and confirmation of the whole of his honour of Gloucester and Brecon, with all his lands, shrievalties, etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie et Wallie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Miloni Gloecestrie et heredibus suis post eum in feodo et hereditate totum honorem suum de Gloec(estria) et de Brechenion, et omnes terras suas et tenaturas suas in vicecomitatibus et aliis rebus, sicut eas tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et honorifice et libere teneat in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et mariscis, in molendinis et piscariis, cum thol et theam et infangenetheof, et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus quibus unquam melius et liberius tenuit tempore regis Henrici. Et sciatis quoniam ego ut dominus et rex convencionavi[1] ei sicut baroni et justiciario meo quod eum in placitum non ponero[2] quamdiu vixero de aliqua tenatura quam tenuisset die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, neque heredem suum. Testibus arch(iepiscopo)[3] Cantuar(iensi), et ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi),[4] et ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et H(ugone) Big(od), et Rob(erto) filio Ricardi, et Ing(elramo) de Sai, et W(illelmo) de Pont(e Arche), et P(agano) filio Joh(annis). Apud Rading(es).[5]

[1] *D* conventionem [2] *D* ponam [3] *D* archid(iacono)
[4] *Lansd. 259 omits* [5] *Lansd. MSS. add* sub magno sigillo suo

MSS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 109 (transcript by Camden, 1573), and Lansdowne MS. 259, f. 66 (transcript by St.-George); Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 19.
Printed: *G. de M.* 11; Madox, *Exchequer*, 134.
Date: See *G. de M.* 12. Payn fitz John d. 10 July 1137.

387. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (*c.* 4 Jan. 1136, at Reading)

Grant and confirmation to Miles of his father's honour, the constableship of Gloucester castle, the honour of Brecon, and all his offices and tenures

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis etc. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Miloni Gloec(estrie) et heredibus suis post eum, in feodum et hereditatem, totum honorem patris sui et custodiam turris et castelli Gloecestrie ad tenendum tali forma (*sic*) qualem reddebat tempore regis Henrici sicut patrimonium suum. Et totum honorem suum de Brechenion et omnia ministeria sua et terras suas quas tenuit tempore regis Henrici, sicut eas melius et honorificentius tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, et ego ei in conventionem habeo sicut rex et dominus baroni meo. Quare precipio quod bene et in honore et in pace et libere teneat cum omnibus libertatibus suis. Testes W(alterus) filius Ricardi, Robertus de Ferrariis, Robertus filius Ricardi, Hugo Bigot, Ing(elramus) de Sai, Baldwinus filius Gisleberti. Apud Radinges.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 18, f. 21; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 123.
Printed: *G. de M.* 13.
Date: Cf. **386, 388.** Robert fitz Richard (de Clare) d. 1137.

388. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (1135–9)

Fragment of a grant of the custody of Gloucester Castle and the shrievalty of (?)*Glos.*

S(tephanus) Rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus com(itibus)..
[f ide]][i]b(us) suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie et Wal .....
..... [Gl]oec(estrie) et heredibus suis post eum in feodo .....
..... et castelli Gloec(estrie) et vicecomitat(um)
..... Henricus sicut patrimonium suum et c .....
..... et terras suas et tenaturas .....
..... us tenuit die qua .....
..... sicut rex et d .....
..... heres .....
..... at cum .....
..... ep(iscop)o Cicestr(ensi) .....
..... [*Ahred* ?] de Toten(ais) et .....
..... et Elya Gif(fard). Ap(ud) .....

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/11 (original, much damaged; max. width now $3\frac{4}{5}'' \times 5\frac{3}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 416), with a partly damaged impression of Stephen's first seal in white wax on a tongue).
Date: First seal.

389. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (1136–Mar. 1137, at Fareham)

Grant of the lands of Edric, son of Chetel

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) S(imoni) episcopo Wirec(estrensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus Gloecestresc(ire), salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et dedisse Milon(i) Gloec(estrie) totam terram et tenuram que fuit Edric(i) filii Chetelli quicumque eam teneat, ita plenarie sicut rex H(enricus) eam dedit Waltero patri ejusdem Milon(is) et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus Edric(us) vel Chetellus pater suus melius tenuerunt. Et omnes ejusdem teneure tenentes intendant Milon(i) sicut domino suo. T(estibus) N(igello) ep(iscop)o de Ely, et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi), et W(illelmo) Mart(ello). Apud Ferha(m).

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/12 (original, $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xvii (T.A.M.B., no. 417), with a fine impression of Stephen's first seal in white wax on a tongue).
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 20.
Date: Robert fitz Richard de Clare d. soon after Michaelmas 1137 (R. Torigni, 131), and Stephen was in Normandy Mar.–Nov. 1137.

390. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (1136–June 1139, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the land which Miles had obtained from the Bishop of Exeter in Gloucester

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) S(imoni) episcopo Wigorn(iensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis totius Gloecestrescir(e) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse M(iloni) Gloec(estrie) hereditarie totam illam terram quam episcopus Exon(iensis) tenebat in Gloec(estria) sicut ipse episcopus ei dedit et per cartam suam confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice teneat, cum saca et soca et tol et team et infangeneth(eof) et omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus ipse episcopus vel aliquis antecessorum suorum unquam melius vel liberius tenuit. Teste R(ogero) canc(ellario). Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/13 (original, $6\frac{3}{5}'' \times 3\frac{1}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 417), with fragment of an unidentifiable seal in white wax on a tongue).
Date: While Roger was chancellor.

391. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (cr. 1141) (soon after 30 Sept. 1139, at Gloucester)

The empress recounts how she was received by Miles and how she granted him St. Briavel's Castle and the Forest of Dean

Matildis imperatrix etc. Sciatis quod quando in Angliam veni post mortem regis Henrici patris mei, Milo de Glocestria quam citius potuit venit ad me apud Bristolliam et recepit me ut dominam et sicut illam quam justam heredem regni Anglie recognovit, et inde me secum ad Glocestriam adduxit et ibi homagium suum mihi fecit ligie contra omnes homines. Et volo vos scire quod tunc quando homagium suum ad Gloecestriam recepi, dedi ei pro servitio suo in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis castellum Sancti Briavelli et totam forestam de Dena.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 18, f. 20^{v}, and Ashmole MS. 860, f. 35 (abbreviated); B.M. Lansdowne MS. 229, f. 123.
Printed: *G. de M.* 56.
Date: See *H.N.* 39.

392. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester Earl of (cr. 1141) (*c.* June 1141, at St. Albans)

The empress grants the house of Gregory the steward in Westminster

M(athildis) imperatrix regis H(enrici) filia just(icie) et [v]ic(ecomiti) et baron(ibus) et [omnibus] fidelibus [suis] Francis et Anglis de Middelsexa et de Westmonasterio [salutem]. Sciatis [me] ded[is]se et concessisse Miloni de Gloec(estria) domum que [fuit] Gregorii dapif(eri) apud Westmonasterium. Quare precipio quod eam bene et in pace teneat. Testibus Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o Elyensi, et Walch(elino) Maminot. Apud Sanctum A[lba]num.

MS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/16 (original, $6\frac{9}{10}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., S. 40) with Matilda's seal in white wax on a tongue).
Printed: *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 388.
Date: The absence of the style *domina Anglorum* suggests a date before April 7 1141, but if the place at which the charter was given was really St. Albans (and the text is worn at this point), the only obvious date is June 1141 when the empress was on her way to London. The charter must in any case be before Miles was created Earl of Hereford (25 July 1141).

393. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (25 July 1141, at Oxford)

The empress creates Miles Earl of Hereford, with various other grants

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me fecisse Milonem de Gloc(estria) comitem de Hereford, et dedisse ei motam Hereford cum toto castello in foeudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis. Dedi etiam ei tertium denarium redditus burgi Hereford quicquid unquam reddat, et tertium denarium

placitorum totius comitatus Hereford. Dedi etiam ei tria maneria in ipso comitatu de meo dominio, viz. Mawerdinam et Luggewordinam et Wiltonam cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Dedi etiam ei haias Hereford et forestam de Trivela cum hoc quod ad hoc pertinet. Dedi etiam ei servitium Roberti de C(han)ados et Hugonis filii Willelmi et Richardi de Cormeill et omnia feuda eorum ubicunque ea habeant. Et haec omnia supradicta dedi et etiam concessi in foeudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis. Hanc autem donationem feci ei apud Oxineford die Sancti Jacobi apostoli, videlicet octava die ante festum Sancti Petri ad vincula, pro servitio suo quod mihi fecerat. Et ita quod tunc habebam in captione mea apud Bristoll regem Stephanum qui, dei misericordia et auxilio Roberti comitis Gloc(estrie) fratris mei, et auxilio ipsius Milonis et aliorum baronum meorum captus fuit in bello apud Lincoln die Purificationis Sancte Marie proximo ante predictum diem Sancti Jacobi apostoli. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod hec omnia supradicta teneat de me et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui ita bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie et libere et quiete in bosco et plano, in forestis et fugaciis, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, in stagnis et vivariis, in viis et semitis, in foris et feriis, infra burgum et extra, in civitate et extra, et in omnibus locis cum soca et sacha et toll et team et infangenetheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietudinibus, sicut unquam aliquis comes melius et honorabilius et quietius et liberius et plenarius tenet aliquod tenementum vel dominium de me in Anglia, vel unquam tenuit de aliquo antecessore meo. Testibus Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, Rob(erto) episcopo Londoniensi, Al(exandro) episcopo Lincolniensi, Bernardo episcopo Sancti Davidis, Nigel(lo) episcopo Eliensi, David rege Scot(orum), Roberto com(ite) Gloc(estrie), Reginal(do) com(ite) Corn(ubie), Roberto [regis][1] filio, Brientio filio Comitis, Unfrido de Bohun, Alex(andro) de Buh(un), Johanne filio Gisleb(erti) marescal(lo), et Pagan(o) de Claris Vallibus, et Roberto de Curc(eo), et Rad(ulfo) Paganel(lo), et Willelmo de Dovra, et Elia Giffard, et Walkel(ino) Maminot, et Ernulf(o) de Hesding, et Gisleberto de Lasceio. Apud Oxinfordiam.

[1] *Vincent* Regin'

Printed: *A Vincent, *Discovery of Brook's Errours* (1662), i. 238 from the original, then in the Cottonian library, with drawing of seal on tag inscribed 'Mathildis dei gratia Romanorum regina'. Also *Foedera* (1704), i. 8; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 390: Selden, *Titles of Honour* (1631), 648; *Lord's Reports*, v. 1.

394. Hereford, Miles of Gloucester, Earl of (25 July 1141–Dec. 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants the castle and honour of Abergavenny

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis et Walensibus totius Anglie et Walie salutem. Sciatis me, per requisitionem Bri(entii) fil(ii) com(itis) et Matild(is) de Walengeford(ia) uxor(is) sue, concessisse Milon(i) com(iti) Heref(ordie) et heredibus suis castellum de Abergeveneia et totum honorem qui ad illud pertinet, cum omnibus rebus ei pertinentibus, ad tenendum de Bri(entio) fil(io) Com(itis) et Matild(e) uxore sua et de heredibus suis in foeudo et hereditate per servitium iij militum. Testibus Will(elm)o canc(ellario), et Regin(aldo) com(ite) Cornub(ie), et Bald(uino) com(ite) Devon(ie), et Rad(ulfo) Paganell(o), et Stephan(o) de Mannavill(a), et Rob(erto) fil(io) Martin(i), et Rob(erto) Corbet'. Apud Oxin(fordiam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *D.L. 10/17 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{2}{5}''$, written apparently in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (H.A.C.) with Matilda's seal in white wax on a tongue). Abstract in Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 20^{v}.

Printed: *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 395; Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 26.

Date: After Miles had been created Earl of Hereford (25 July 1141) and before the empress lost Oxford (Dec. 1142).

395. Hereford, St. Guthlac's Priory (1136–9 and probably *c.* June 1138, at Hereford)

Confirmation of the gifts of Ingulf the clerk

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) Mil(oni) Glouc(estrie) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Hereforscira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in elemosinam monachis Glou(cestrie)

[1] *MS.* H(enricus)

donum illud quod Ingulfus clericus eis dedit de denario elemosin(e) mee que (*sic*) habebat in die sicut rex Henricus concessit per cartam suam. Teste Hugone Busot.[1] Apud Hereford.

[1] *recte* Bigot?

MS.: Oxford, Balliol Coll. *MS. 271, f. 92 (bound before f. 82).
Date. While Miles of Gloucester supported Stephen. See also **383**. (Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1385 (clxiv.)

396. Hereford, St. Guthlac's Priory (1136–9)

Grant of 1d. a day formerly given to Robert Scoton

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis omnibus de Hereford salutem. Do et concedo in elemosinam pro salute [anime mee et][2] regis Henrici et antecessorum meorum [deo][3] et monachis Sancti Petri Hereford(ie) illu(m) denarium . . .[2] elemosina mea constituta quod Rob(ertus) Scoto(n) in die habebat in . . .[2] [restaura]mentum molendinorum et terre sue occupate per fossatum Hereford et . . .[2] eum in terminis constitutis sine omni disturbatione. T(estibus) Rob(erto) episcopo [Herefordensi][2], et H(enrico) com(ite) de Auco, et Mil(one) constab(ulario) de Glouc(estria).

[1] *MS.* H(enricus) [2] *Gap caused by tear in MS.* [3] *omitted in MS.*

MS.: Oxford, Balliol Coll. *MS. 271, f. 102.
Date: While Miles of Gloucester supported Stephen.

397. Hereford, St. Guthlac's Priory (1137–9, at Westminster)

Roger Bp. of Salisbury (as justiciar) orders that the monks of Gloucester (to whom St. Guthlac's belonged) should have their alms

[Rogerus] episcopus Sar(esberiensis) vic(ecomiti) de Hereford(ia) salutem. Fac habere monachos Glouc(estrie) lx solidos de elemosina regis quos solebant habere tempore regis H(enric)i et quos Pag(anus) fil(ius) Joh(annis) eis dare solebat. Et nisi feceris, Milo Glouc(estrie) faciat fieri. T(este) Milon(e) Glouc(estrie). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Oxford, Balliol Coll. *MS. 271, f. 101.
Date: After the death of Pagan fitz John (10 July 1137) and before the fall of Bishop Roger (June 1139).

398. Hereford, St. Guthlac's Priory (1136–7, at Burford)

The prebends given by Walter, Roger, and Hugh de Lacy to be quit of all customs, and the church of St. Ouen (Hereford) to have its penny from the king's alms

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) R(oberto) episcopo Hereford(ensi) et E(ustachio)[2] filio Joh(annis) et omnibus baronibus Francis et Anglis de Herefordsira salutem. Precipio quod prebende quas Walterus de Lacy et Rogerus de Lacy et Hugo de Lacy dederunt ecclesie Sancti Petri de Hereford sint quiete et solute ab omnibus consuetudinibus. Et ecclesia Sancti Audoeni denar(ium) su(um) de elemosina mea plene habeat sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. T(estibus) R(ogero) canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Burfo(r)d.[3]

[1] *f. 94* H(enricus); *f. 102ᵛ blank* [2] *Sic MS. Recte* P(agano)? [3] *f. 94* Buref'

MS.: Oxford, Balliol Coll. *MS. 271, f. 102ᵛ and f. 94.
Date: Eustace fitz John had deserted by the time Stephen returned from Normandy in 1137 (and alternatively Pagan fitz John d. 10 July 1137). Cf. **349–51**.

399. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (1140, at Norwich)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus barronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis et ministris barronum in quorum ministeriis et hundredis abbatia de Hulmo terras habet salutem. Sciatis quod pro dei amore et remissione peccatorum meorum et incolumitate mea et Eustachii filii mei et pro stabilitate regni mei et pacis, necnon et pro redemptione anime beate memorie regis Henrici avunculi mei, et pro animabus regum Willelmi scilicet avi mei et Willelmi avunculi

mei et aliorum parentum meorum quietam clamo et ab omni seculari potestate delibero abbatiam de Hulmo et omnes terras et ecclesias et universas possessiones eidem abbatie pertinentes in cujuscumque comitatu vel hundredo vel baillia sint. Et ideo volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo in omnibus teneduris et terris suis ubicumque sint habeant sokam et sacam et thol et theam et infangenetheof et gridbreces et forstal et wrek in mari et in litore et in portibus maris et hamsoknam et blodwyte et fihtwyte et ferdwyte et flemmeneforth et averpeni et wardpeni et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines et omnes rectitudines et justicias quas ego ipse habeo in dominicis terris meis et elemosinis pertinentibus corone mee. Et hec habeat ecclesia supradicta in bosco et plano et pratis et pascuis et molendinis et turbariis et stagnis et vivariis et viis et semitis et mari et portibus maris et mariscis et in aqua et extra aquam in feriis et mercatis, in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra burgum et in omnibus locis sicut predixi. Testimonio domini Elbrardi Norwicensis episcopi, et Alexandri Lincolniensis episcopi, et Athelolfi episcopi de Carduil, et Walteri abbatis de Ramesei, et Rogeri de Fiscampo archidiaconi, et Ricardi de Bolonia capellani, et comitis Alani, et Willelmi comitis de Warenn', et comitis Symundi, et Willelmi comitis de Albaniac, et Ingelrani de Sayi, et Johannis filii Roberti tunc temporis vicecomitis, et Ricardi filii Ursi, et Aluredi Gernun, et aliorum multorum. Apud Norwicum.

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 31, Stowe MS. 932, f. 3v.
Printed: *Monast.* iii. 87; *J. R. West, *St. Benet of Holme*, no. 7.
Date: Wm. de Albini cr. earl after Sept. 1139; Roger of Fécamp not later than 1140. Stephen was in E. Anglia in June and Aug. 1140.

400. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (3–25 March 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants a general confirmation

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia *archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus barronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis et ministris barronum in quorum ministeriis et hundredis abbatia de Hulmo terras habet salutem. Sciatis quod pro dei amore et remissione peccatorum meorum* et *pro redemptione anime* bone *memorie regis Henrici* patris *mei et pro animabus regum Willelmi scilicet avi mei et Willelmi avunculi mei et aliorum parentum meorum quietam clamo et ab omni seculari potestate delibero abbatiam de Hulmo et omnes terras et ecclesias et universas possessiones eidem abbatie pertinentes in cujuscumque hundredis vel baillio sint. Et ideo volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, in omnibus teneduris et terris suis ubicumque sint, habeat socam et sacam et thol et theam et infangenetheof et gridbrece et forstal et wrek in mari et in litore maris et hamsokam et blodwyte et fihtwyte et ferdwyte et flemmeneferd et averpeni et wardpeni et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines* quas aliqua ecclesiarum regni mei habet et *quas ego* ipsa *habeo in dominicis terris et elemosinis pertinentibus corone mee. Et hec habeat ecclesia* predicta *in bosco*, in *plano et pratis et pascuis et molendinis et turbariis et stagnis et vivariis et viis et semitis et* in *mari et portibus maris et* in *mariscis, in aqua et extra aquam, in feriis et mercatis in civitate et extra, in burgo et extra burgum, et in omnibus locis.* Testibus R(oberto) episcopo Londoniensi, et R(oberto) comite Glocestrie, et R(oberto) filio regis. Apud Oxenford. Anno ab incarnatione domini millesimo centesimo quadragesimo.

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 31, Harley MS. 84, f. 170v, Harley MS. 85, f. 344, Harley MS. 6748, f. 3v, Stowe MS. 932, f. 4, Add. MS. 6166, f. 328; P.R.O. Chart. R. 14 Ed. I, m. 7, C 52/14 and 27.
Printed: *West, op. cit., no. 8; *Monast.* iii. 87; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 388; *Carte Antique Rolls 11–20*, p. 85.
Date: If genuine, it must be dated 3–24 Mar. 1141 (the beginning of the year being calculated from 25 Mar.); see *G. de M.* 67. But passages in italics are common to Stephen's charter (399), and they could well be modelled on Henry II's charter. Robert was not bishop of London till June 1141.

401. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (*c.* 1146–9, at Barton (Suff.?))

Geoffrey the clerk to hold his land at S. Walsham (Norf.) from the abbot for the same service as his father did

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicensi et Willelmo de Caisneto vicecomiti salutem. Precipio quod Galfridus clericus teneat et habeat ecclesiam suam et terram suam totam et homines suos de Walesham bene et in pace sicut uncquam melius tenuit tempore

regis Henrici avunculi mei, et de servitio suo intendat Hugoni abbati de Hulmo et suis successoribus et nominatim de ecclesia sua et de tota terra sua et de hominibus suis predictis sicut antea fecit ecclesie de Hulmo et abbati. Nec requiratur ab eo aliquid servitium nisi tantummodo quod pater suus et ipse faciebant ecclesie predicte de Hulmo tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei. Et si aliquis ei injuriam aliquam vel vim inferre presumpserit, tunc precipio vobis quod plenariam justiciam ei inde faciatis, ne amplius audiam inde clamorem pro penuria plene justicie. Teste Willelmo Martel. Apud Bertonam.

MS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 57^{v}.
Printed: *West, op. cit., no. 145.
William Chesney became sheriff in 1146. Hugh had ceased to be abbot by 1149.

402. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (1147–9, at London)

Granting the two hundreds of Flegg and the hundred of Happing (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicensi et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Northfolch et de Suthfolch salutem. Sciatis quod pro animabus Willelmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum regum Willelmi et Henrici et aliorum parentum meorum et pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo et H(ugoni) nepoti meo abbati et ejus successoribus et monachis ibidem deo servientibus duo hundreda de Fleg et tertium de Happingge hundredum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant hec predicta hundreda cum omnibus consuetudinibus et redditibus et justiciis que ad illa pertinent sicut aliquis antecessorum meorum regum Anglie et ego melius et liberius tenuimus dum illa in manu nostra fuerunt. Testibus H(enrico) episcopo Wintoniensi, et R(oberto) episcopo Londoniensi, et W(illelmo) episcopo Norwicensi, et N(igello) episcopo de Ely, et I(lario) episcopo Cicestrensi, et R(oberto) episcopo Exoniensi,[1] et R(oberto) episcopo Batoniensi, et M(atilda) regina, et W(illelmo) comite de Albemarla, et Comite Symone, et J(ohanne) comite de Auco,[2] et Comite Alberico, et W(illelmo) Martel, et R(oberto) de Ver, et H(enrico) de Essexa, et Ricardo de Luci, et Fulcone de Oilly, et A(da) de Beln(ai). Apud Londoneas.

[1] *MS.* Oxoniensi [2] *MS.* Avee

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 33^{v}, Stowe MS. 932, f. 4^{v} (abbrev.).
Printed: *West, op. cit. no. 52; *Monast.* iii. 88.
Date: Hilary Bishop of Chichester cons. 3 Aug. 1147. John Count of Eu had recognized Geoffrey as Duke of Normandy by 1149, and Abbot Hugh was transferred from Holme to Chertsey by *c.* 1149. The three hundreds were in fact given by Stephen's son William (West no. 75) who presumably acquired them with his wife, Isabel de Warenne. If so, he must have married her by 1149.

403. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (Nov. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Dunstable)

Abbot William to hold the hundreds of Flegg and Happing (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum W(illelmo) episcopo Norwycensi et Rainaldo de Warenne et Willelmo de Norwyco et omnibus fidelibus suis et ministris comitis Warenn(e) salutem. Precipio quod Willelmus abbas Sancti Benedicti de Hulma et ecclesia sua teneant duo hundreda de Fleg et Happinge bene et in pace et quiete sicut illa concessi eidem ecclesie et carta mea confirmavi, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. Teste Hugone de Essartis. Apud Dunestaplum.

MS.: Cotton MS. Galba E. ii (margin of f. 33^{v} in hand *c.* 1300).
Printed: *West, op. cit., no. 53.
Abbot Daniel d. 10 Nov. 1153.

404. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (Nov. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Norwich)

Serlo the chamberlain to hold his land at Beeston St. Lawrence (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum W(illelmo) abbati de Hulmo salutem. Precipio tibi quod resaysias Serlonem camerarium de terra sua de Besetuna ita bene et juste sicut abbas Hugo

eam illi dedit et sicut inde habet cartam ejusdem abbatis et conventus. Et permittas eum illam in pace tenere, ne super hoc ei fiat injuria vel contumelia. Teste Hugone de Essarto. Apud Norwycum.

MS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 58.
Printed: *West, op. cit., no. 152.

405. Holme, St. Benet's Abbey (1135–54 at Bury St. Edmunds)

Granting a plot of land in Yarmouth

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciario vicecomiti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Norwico et de Gernemuta salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse deo et Sancto Benedicto et abbati ejusdem monasterii et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam, quandam terram apud Gernemut(am) juxta terram illorum contra aquilonem habentem quater xx pedes in latitudine in utroque capite, et longitudo ejusdem terre sit a via forensi et usque orientalem viam que monasterio prope est. Et sit terra illa libera et quieta de geldo et de scot et de omni alio servitio in perpetuum. Et volo et precipio quod abbas et monachi habeant et teneant terram ipsam honorifice et in pace et quiete, et nemo eis super hoc breve meum injuriam vel contumeliam faciat super x libras forisfacture. Teste Roberto de Ver. Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

MS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Galba E. ii, f. 34.
Printed: *West, op. cit., no. 57; *Monast.* iii. 88.

406. Horton Priory (July 1140–Sept. 1143 at Ipswich)

Confirming the gifts of Robert de Vere and Adeleia his wife

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Cantuariensi justic(iis) et vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum donationem illam quam Robertus de Ver constabularius meus et Adeleia uxor sua fecerunt deo et ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Hortuna et monachis ibidem deo servientibus scilicet Hortunam cum appentic(iis) suis et manerium de Tydentona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et terram Osberti marisc(alci) de Hamtona et xxviii solidatas terre in marisco de Rumnel quam Erinnilda tenuit et mansuras quas eis dedit in Heda et terram Nigelli filii Bertranni post obitum uxoris ejus et ecclesiam de Purleia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et ecclesiam de Braburna et ecclesiam de Stanesteda cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, decimam de Hineshilda et de Estbrigga excepto sale, et decimam de Estretona et terram quam Simon de Malling(e) eis dedit in Wlleham et ecclesias de Essetaford cum una virgata terre quam Normannus eis dedit et ix denariatas terre in eodem feodo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi ejusdem ecclesie teneant hec prefata bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et stagnis et mariscis, in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis cum saca et socna et tol et theam et infangenetheof cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietationibus de warpeni et inpeni cum quibus Robertus de Montfort et Robertus de Ver constabularius meus et Adelina uxor sua melius et liberius tenuerunt, et sicut eis concesserunt per cartam suam. T(estibus) com(ite) Gauf(rido) de Essex(ia), et Will(elm)o com(ite) de Warenn(a), et Joh(ann)e com(ite) de Auco, et comite Gill(eberto) de Penbroc, et Will(elm)o de Ip(r)a, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Adam de Beln(aco), et Rob(er)to de Crevacuer, et Will(elmo) de Ainesford(e). Apud Gipeswic(am).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 5516, f. 7, Harley MS. 2044, f. 79^{v}, Stowe MS. 924, f. 28 (cal.).
Printed: *Arch. Cant.* x. 271.
Date: *G. de M.* 158 suggests early 1142 because 8 of the 11 witnesses occur also in 276, but the witnesses are common and the place-dates different. The firm limits are 12 July 1140 when John succeeded to the County of Eu, and the fall of Geoffrey de Mandeville in Sept. 1143.

407. Hospitallers (1144–50)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the grants made by Reginald de Bailleul for the commandery of Villedieu les Bailleil (Orne)

G(aufridus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus baronibus archiepiscopo et episcopis et justiciis et baronibus suis Normannie salutem et dilectionem. Sciatis me concessisse salvis consuetudinibus meis Sancto Hospitali Jerusalem dona que fecerunt Raiginaudus de Baillol et alii multi con (*sic*) eo, scilicet hec dona:

1. Raiginaudus donavit deo et Sancto Hospitali Jerusalem pro se et pro Raiginaudo patre ejus, et Amera matre ejus, et Willelmo fratre ejus, et pro amicis suis tam vivis quam defunctis, landam quietam et solutam de omnibus hominibus[1] imperpetuum que est inter Tornai et Baillol, et illam que est inter Trum et Baillol, et v solidos Cenomanensium imperpetuum in suum censum, quem reddunt homines sui ad festivitatem Sancti Remigii, quos ipse attribuit pro sua fraternitate Sancto Hospitali Jerusalem, et stannum ad vadum terri (*sic*) ad faciendum molendinum imperpetuum. Et Willelmus Porcel de sua terra quantum opus erit ad faciendum molendinum et esclusagium tenendum domino Raiginaudo concedente donavit. Teste Willelmo comite de Pontivio, et Johanne filio ejus, et Hugone de Merlaio, et Willelmo de Montepinchon. Et omnia quecumque habet in sua terra ita nobis concessit habere in nostra terra, scilicet latronem et latrocinium omnium rerum, et bella et sanguinem et apes, et liberatam esse de omni graveria, et omnia nostra possidere sicuti possidet sua, et omnia communia pastura terre sue animalibus Sancti Hospitalis Jerusalem in hominibus et in pasturis de Colonchelis et de Tornaio.[2]

[1] *recte* honeribus? [2] There follow 16 more items in the form of an abbreviated cartulary. There is apparently no final or dating clause to Duke Geoffrey's charter, the sole reference to which is in the first of the two paragraphs given here. (The second is given as a sample of the others.)

MSS.: Paris, Archives Nationales, M. 15, no. 1 (12th-cent. copy), no. 2 (French trans, 17th cent.), and no. 3 (17th-cent. copy).

Printed: *J. Delaville le Roulx, *Cartulaire général de l'ordre des Hospitaliers de St Jean de Jérusalem (1100–1310)*, (Paris, 1894–1906), i. 125, no. 156.

408. Hospitallers (after Easter 1147, at Mirebeau)

French translation of a charter by Duke Geoffrey concerning the market-rights at Villedieu-les-Poeles and Montchevrel (Orne)

G(eoffroy)[1] duc de Normandie et comte d'Anjou à Hugues archevesque de Rouen, aux comtes, barons et justiciers de Normandie etc. salut. Scavoir faisons à tous présents et advenir que j'ai donné et concédé aux frères de la sainte maison et hospital de Hierusalem, le marché qui est à Villedieu, au jour de mardi par telle condition que l'abbesse et religieuses de l'église de Nostre-Dame de Lisieux auront la moitié d'icelui marché qui sera audict lieu de Villedieu, et semblablement les frères de la sainte maison de l'hospital estant à Villedieu auront la moitié de la partie que l'abbesse et religieuses ont au marché de Sauchevreuil. Ainsi a esté fait l'accord entre lesdits frères dudit hospital et lesdites religieuses pour icelui marché dont decord avait esté par ci-devant. De ce sont témoins Gervais de Marcillie, Absalon Piques, Gaffray Decaille, Ivon de Calonné, Guillaume de Bosseville, Simon de Castillon, maistre Hugues de Sanctelles, Jehan chapelain des Dames de St. Sever, et Claire religieuse, en l'an de l'incarnation de Notre Seigneur MCXLVII, Pasques précédente, la dite charte donnée à Mirebel.

[1] *D'Anisy* Guillaume

MS.: Lost (reputedly in the Archives du Calvados at Caen, where Haskins (*N.I.* 133) saw a modern copy; but not traceable in 1958).

Printed: *Léchaudé D'Anisy, in *Memoires de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie*, 2nd series, vol. 4 (1844), 382; *C.D.F.*, no. 576 (extract from abstract by D'Anisy in PRO 31/8/140 B, vol. i, f. 148v).

409. Hospitallers (1151–67, at Rouen)

The empress grants 100s. from the rent of Argentan

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justic(iis) et omnibus ministris suis Francis et Angl(icis) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et fratribus Hospitalis Jerusalem c so[idos] [Ro]thomagensium singulis annis de redditu meo de Argentonio [pro ani]ma regis Henrici patris mei et pro anima Gaufridi comitis A[ndegavensis] domini mei, et pro me et pro filiis meis. Testibus Willelmo filio Hamonis, Hugone medico, Stephano de Bellocampo, Amfredo fil(io), Rogerio filio Ricardi de Argentonio. Apud Rothomagum.

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *S. 5057, no. 44 (original, $5\frac{7}{10}'' \times 4\frac{3}{5}''$, with fragment of seal in white wax on a white silk cord). Cf. Arch. Nat., S. 5512, p. 49 (Inventaire de Villedieu, 1744).

Printed: J. Delaville le Roulx, *Cartulaire général de l'ordre des Hospitaliers de St Jean de Jérusalem (1100–1300)*, (4 vols., Paris, 1894–1906), i. 108 (no. 131).

Date: Although Geoffrey is mentioned only as Count of Anjou and not as Duke of Normandy, this deed seems to be subsequent to his death, not only because the *pro anima* clause suggests it, but also because there is no mention of this particular gift in the 17 items of **407**. The grant was evidently made for the commandery of Villedieu-les-Bailleul (Orne).

410. Huntingdon Priory (June 1139–Mar. 1140, at Cambridge)

Grant of a third part of the mills of Huntingdon

[Stephanus] rex Anglorum episcopo Lincoliensi et baronibus et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus Christi fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Huntendonescira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetue possessionis elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie Huntendonie et canonicis regularibus ejusdem ecclesie, pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et predecessorum meorum illam tertiam partem molendinorum meorum de Huntendona que reddebat mihi per annum xl solidos. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant. Preterea concedo et confirmo eis omnes elemosinas illas quas rex Scottorum David et Henricus filius suus eas in elemosinam dederunt et concesserunt in omnibus rebus. Testibus Ebrardii (*sic*) episcopo Norwich, et Ph(ilippo) canc(ellario), et Com(ite) Simone, et Alberico de V(er), et Pa[gano][1] vic(ecomite), et Will(elmo) de Ip(ra). Apud Cantebrigia(m).

[1] *MS.* Paꝑ

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Faustina C. 1, f. 1.

Date: While Philip was chancellor.

411. Huntingdon Priory (1139–40)

Letter to Earl Henry son of the king of Scots

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) com[iti][1] Henr(ico) salutem. Scias quia dum molendina de Hunt(endonia) erant in manu mea, dedi et concessi in elemosina deo et e(cclesie) Sancte Marie de Hunt(endonia) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus pro anima regis[2] Henr(ici) et aliorum antecessorum meorum tertiam partem ipsorum molendinorum. Quare mando tibi quod sicut me diligis et in te confido plenar(ie) facias eis habere tertiam partem eorumdem molendinorum in omnibus que ad illa que veniunt[3] et pertinent, et ita libere et quiete sicut tu ipse habes in tuas duas partes. T(este) com(ite) Gisl(eberto). Apud . . .

[1] *MS.* comes [2] *MS.* fratris [3] *MS* vemūt

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Faustina C.1, f. 14v.

Date: Late than **410** but while Stephen was still at peace with the Scots.

412. Huntingfield, William fitz Roger de (1136–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of the land in Holland formerly held by his uncle and nephew

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Lyngcolnechyre salutem. Sciatis quia concedo Will(elm)o fil(io) Rog(er)i illam donationem quam Alan(us) de Croun avunculus

suus et Mauricius filius suus ei fecerunt de terra antecessorum suorum de Holand. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat hoc[1] jus sicut Alanus et Mauricius illa ei dederunt et concesserunt. T(estibus) Rob(er)to de V(er), et H(enrico) de Essexa, et A(da) de Beln(aco). Apud S(an)c(tu)m Edm(undum).

[1] *Blank in MS.*

MS.: Lincs. Archives Office, *3 Anc. 2/1 (Huntingfield Cartulary), f. 9v.

413. Huntingfield, William fitz Roger de (1135–54)

Confirmation of the grant by Alan de Craon of his land in Holland to his nephew William fitz Roger

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et vic(ecomiti) et baron(ibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olne)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam Alanus de Creon fecit Will(elm)o filio Rog(er)i nepoti suo de terra sua de Hoylanda. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Will(elmu)s teneat et habeat terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus sicut Alanus avunculus suus illam ei dedit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Bald(wino) fil(io) Gisl(eberti), et Ric(ardo) de Curci, et Ric(ardo) de Camvill(a) et Walt(er)o de Amondevill(a), et Baldr(ico) de Sigill(o), et Will(elmo) fil(io) Hacon(is).

MS.: Lincs. Archives Office, *3 Anc. 2/1, f. 9v.

414. Huntingfield, William fitz Roger de (1149–54, at Ipswich)

The king testifies that Alan de Craon gave his land in Holland to William fitz Roger

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] G(ileberto) com(iti) Linc(olnie) salutem. Scias quod testis sum Will(el)mo filio Rog(er)i quod Alanus de Croun coram me concessit ei terram et dedit de Hoylond sicut carta ejusdem Alani et mea testatur, et postea Maur(icius) de Croun eandem terram ei concessit quando reddidi illi hereditatem patris sui. Quare mando tibi quod ei inde facias hoc quod ad te pertinet, et non patiaris quod Mauric(ius) ei inde injuriam faciat. T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Gypeswyc.

MS.: Lincs. Archives Office, *3 Anc. 2/1, f. 10.

Date: Gilbert de Gant was created Earl of Lincoln after Robert Chesney had become Bishop of Lincoln (19 Dec. 1148).

415. Huntingfield, William fitz Roger de (1135–54)

Notice of a grant of Mendham (Suff.) from a confirmation by Richard II

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Sciatis quod cum illustris princeps dominus Stephanus quondam rex Angl(orum) progenitor noster nobilissimus dudum per cartam suam reddidisset et concessisset in feodum et hereditatem Will(elm)o fil(io) Rog(er)i et heredi suo terram de Mendham cum appendiciis suis tanquam rectum suum, ad tenendum de ipso rege in capite. Et voluisset et precepisset quod predictus Willelmus bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice teneat in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et stagnis et molendinis et mariscis et piscariis, et in omnibus rebus et locis cum omnibus quietanciis et libertatibus cum quibus pater predicti Willelmi terram predictam melius et quietius tenuit, vel aliquis ante eum *prout per predictam cartam predicti progenitoris in cancellariam nostram ostensam clarius apparebit.*

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 9 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 9.

416. Ipswich, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–9)

General confirmation and protection

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Norwichensi et archidiaconis suis et H(ugoni) Bigot et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod canonici mei de elemosina mea de Gipeswica habeant et teneant ecclesias suas et omnes terras suas, decimas, et omnia sua de quocunque

teneant, ita bene et honorifice et in pace sicut melius et liberius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Et prohibeo ne aliquis eis inde faciant (*sic*) injuriam neque contumeliam super hoc meum breve. Et si quis versus eos quicquam clamaverit quod ecclesie sue datum sit in elemosinam, non placitent inde nisi coram episcopo de Norwicha et coram mea justicia dominica, desicut canonici mei sunt et de me clamant ad tenendum. Testibus R(ogero) cancellario et Hugone Bigot.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 11 Ed. III, pt. ii, m. 17.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1334–8*, p. 476.
Date: The presence of Hugh Bigod shows that the chancellor must be Roger.

417. Jumièges Abbey (Jan.–Aug. 1139)

Charter of Henry Bishop of Winchester concerning Hayling Island and witnessed by King Stephen

H(enricus) dei gratia Wintoniensis episcopus omnibus matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Noverint universi quoniam vertente controversia inter ecclesiam Wintoniensem et ecclesiam Gemmeticensem super jure cujusdam partis insule de Hailinges quam eadem Gemmeticensis ecclesia diu possederat, ego et universus conventus fratrum Wintoniensis ecclesie prefatam controversiam omittentes tam precibus domini Innocentii pape quam pro paupertate ecclesie de Gemmetico, predictam partem insule de Hailing(es) cum omnibus pertinentiis ejusdem partis ecclesie Gemmeticensi in perpetuum possidendam concedimus, nullam deinceps ei controversiam super hac remoturi. Testibus S(tephano) rege Angl(orum), Theobaldo Cantuar(iensi) archiepiscopo, Jocelino Wintoniensi archidiacono, Hilario Christi Ecclesie decano, Henrico cancellario episcopi, Willelmo de Ponte Arch(arum) camerario regis, et multis aliis.

MS.: Rouen, Archives de Seine-Mar. H., fonds de Jumièges, *cartulaire A, p. 279.
Printed: Vernier, *Chartes de Jumièges*, i. 162 (no. lxiii); *C.D.F.*, no. 157 (cal.).
Date: After Theobald cons. Archbishop of Canterbury (8 Jan. 1139) and before Henry Bishop of Winchester was papal legate (29 Aug. 1139–24 Sept. 1143). It cannot be after Henry had ceased to be legate, since by then Jocelin Archdeacon of Winchester had become Bishop of Salisbury.

418. Kenilworth Priory (1136–9 at Nottingham)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis ministris vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis et clericis et laicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Chenildworda et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus omnes ecclesias et terras et decimas et elemosinas quas Gaufridus de Glint(ona) eis dedit et adquisivit, qui eandem ecclesiam fundavit, sicut rex Henricus eis illas concessit et carta sua confirmavit, videlicet totam terram ipsius Chening(wrda) in nemore et plano quam idem Gaufridus liberavit Bernardo priori ad opus ejusdem ecclesie, preter illam dumtaxat terram in qua castellum ejus situm est et quam retinuit in suo dominio ad burgum suum faciendum, et ad vivarium suum et ad parcum suum. Preterea concedo eidem ecclesie manerium Salford cum omnibus suis pertinentiis quod fuit Livithe monialis solutum et quietum ab omni servitio seculari sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Concedo etiam manerium Stelicota quod Nichol(as) de Staford(ia) et Robertus filius ejus eidem ecclesie concesserunt liberum et quietum ab omni exactione et servitio seculari, et duo prata in Tiesho scilicet Tachesmore et Sester de quibus idem Nichol(as) de Staford(ia) Gaufrido de Glint(ona) concessione regis Henr(ici) unu(m) vendidit et aliud dedit. Ad hec concedo eidem ecclesie manerium Niweham quod Hugo filius Ricardi prefate ecclesie in elemosinam concessit quietum et solutum ab omni seculari servitio. Et in Lilentona dimidiam hidam terre que fuit Fulcoldi ex dono ejusdem Hugonis simili libertate concedo. Preter hec concedo supradicte ecclesie manerium Pachintona de feodo Siwardi d(e) Ardena quod Gaufridus de Glint(ona) junior canonicis ejusdem ecclesie concessit pro fratre suo Roberto q(ue)m in canonicum receperunt quietum et liberum ab

omni servitio, et filii ejusdem Siwardi post mortem patris sui eidem ecclesie ipsum manerium concesserunt cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Insuper concedo prefate ecclesie in Chintona manerio meo terram que fuit Milonis filii Willelmi vicecomitis solutam et quietam ab omni servitio et exactione seculari, sicut idem Milo cartam Henrici regis et meam inde habet; et in eodem manerio dimidiam hidam terre que fuit Turgisi eadem libertate concedo. Preterea concedo supramemorate ecclesie ecclesiam de Wottona cum terris et decimis et cerchez (*sic*) et consuetudinibus et omnibus rebus ecclesie pertinentibus, scilicet in Wottona i hidam terre et ii hidas in Lilentona. Et ecclesiam de Chintona de meo dominio cum terris et decimis et cerchez et omnibus rebus que ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent. Ecclesiam quoque de Stanleia de meo dominio cum terris et decimis et cerchez et omnibus que ad eam pertinent, et ecclesiam de Budiford de meo dominio quam Bern(ardus) prior tempore regis Henrici disrationavit fuisse de parrochia sua de Salford. Similiter concedo ecclesiam de Glintona et ecclesiam de Wilmelestona cum omnibus suis pertinentiis ex dono Gaufridi de Glint(ona) junioris. Insuper concedo ecclesiam de Brailis et ecclesiam de Walesborna cum terris et decimis et omnibus que ad eas pertinent ex dono Rog(eri) com(itis) de Warw(ic); ecclesiam quoque de Cuntona ex concessione Rad(ulfi) pincerne de Legrecestr(ia), et ecclesiam de Bertona in Norhantesire ex dono et concessione Will(elm)i de Fornell(is). Has itaque predictas ecclesias et terras et decimas et omnes res suas volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete canonici Sancte Marie de Cheningewrd(a) teneant cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangeneth(eof) et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietationibus in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et in terris et aquis et in omnibus locis sicut aliqua ecclesia totius regni mei de elemosina mea melius et quietius tenet. T(estibus) Rob(er)to de Curci, et Albr(ico) de Ver, et Rob(erto) filio Walt(eri), et Adam de Belneio, et Joh(ann)e Mar(escallo), et Will(elmo) de Glint(ona). Apud Notingeham.

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3650, f. 73, Add. MS. 47677, f. 368^{v} cont. on f. 370 (incomplete).
Date: John Marshal and Robert de Curci joined the empress in or before 1139, and Aubrey de Vere d. 1140.

419. Kingswood Abbey (*c.* 1139)

Confirming William de Berkeley's gift of Kingswood (Glos.) to Tintern Abbey

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam clericis quam laicis sue subjectionis salutem. Volo vos non ignorare me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse illud caritatis donum quod pro patris mei regis Henrici anime redemptione et predecessorum suorum remedio Willelmus de Berchele contulit abbatie de Tynterna, scilicet totam Kingeswode et quicquid deinceps ipsius abbatie cristicolis de suo collaturus est. Precipiendo etiam addendo ne super hoc ulterius quicquam injurie seu inquietudinis eis vel alicui de suis inde fiat. Hii interfuere obtestantes . . . .

Printed: (from the lost register) **Monast.* v. 426; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 395.
Date: Necessarily before the empress was styled *domina anglorum* (7 Apr. 1141), and presumably at the time of the foundation of Kingswood (1139).

420. Kingswood Abbey (1149–March 1150)

Henry son of the duke of Normandy grants 12 acres of land

H(enricus), ducis Normannorum et comitis Andegavorum filius, S(imoni) Wigorniensi episcopo et omnibus baronibus suis vicecomitibus justiciis et omnibus ministris suis atque fidelibus Francis et Anglis totius Gloucestreschire salutem. Sciatis me, pro anima regis Henrici avi mei et Matildis regine, dedisse et concessisse monachis de Kingeswode duodecim acras de illa terra que jacet inter boscum de Haga et aquam que dividit terram ipsorum monachorum et terram de Wetona. Et ideo mando et precipio quod quiete et libere teneant absque consuetudine vel servitio seculari. Testibus Willelmo comite Gloucestrie, Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Rogero comite Hereford(ie).

Printed: (from the lost register), **Monast.* v. 428; Delisle–Berger, no. 6*.
Date: Simon Bishop of Worcester d. 20 Mar. 1150; Wm. succ. to earldom of Glos. 31 Oct. 1147. As the charter seems (from its witnesses) to have been given in England, it must belong to Henry's visit in 1149–50. Cf. *E.H.R.* lxi. 83.

421. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of confirmation of grants made by Walter Espec the founder

Confirmatio Stephani regis de omnibus que Walterus Espec dedit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Kyrkham tam in ecclesiis quam in terris possessionibus aliisque redditibus sicut rex Anglie Henricus antecessor et awunculus dicti Stephani concessit et carta sua confirmavit.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 5.
Cf. *Regesta* ii. 1459.

422. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of grant of dead wood in the forest of Huby (N. Yorks.)

Carta Stephani regis per quam concedit priori et conventui de K(yrkham) ut capiant mortuum boscum in foresta de Hoby ad focum suum faciendum quantum eis opus fuerit quamdiu illis placuerit.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 5v.

423. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of grant of dead wood in the forests of Yorkshire

Carta Stephani regis per quam concedit priori et conventui de K(yrkham) ut capiant ad negotia sua ubique voluerint in forestis meis Ebor(aci)sire morboscum (*sic*) dum illis placuerit.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 5v.

424. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of confirmation of 20s. of land in Wimbis

Carta Stephani regis de xx solidatis terre in manerio de Wimbis quas W. filius Roberti dedit in elemosinam.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 5v.

425. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of a charter protecting the priory's possessions in Yorks. and Northumberland

Carta Stephani regis de pace sub eadem forma [*scilicet* carta Henrici regis de pace et protectione omnium possessionum tam in Ebor(aci)sira quam in Northumbria].

MS.: Bod. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 6.

426. Kirkham Priory (1135–54)

Note of grant of tolls and customs

Carta Stephani regis de teloneis et consuetudinibus, sed carta Henrici melior est et perpetualior.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Fairfax MS. 7, f. 6v.

427. Kirkstead Abbey (Dec. 1148–Aug. 1153, at London)

Confirmation of the grants by Hugh fitz Eudo, the founder, Robert Darcy, and all others

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecom(itibus) baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Kirkested et monachis in ea deo servientibus pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et M(athildis) regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum donationes quas eis fecit Hugo filius Eudonis in terris vel in aquis cum terra ubi abbatia de Kirkested(a) fundata

est, et donationem Rob(erti) de Arecy et heredum suorum de terra de Aneharda sicut eis confirmata est per cartam suam in elemosinam coram Rob(erto) episcopo Lincolniensi et capitulo. Et preterea concedo eis in elemosinam omnes terras[1] et tenuras quecumque eis rationabiliter date sunt et adhuc dabuntur. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia prefata et monachi teneant hec omnia predicta in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et mariscis et molendinis in viis et semitis in ber(car)iis et omnibus aliis locis cum saca et soca et tol et theam et infange(n)ðef bene et in pace, libere et quiete de schiris et hundredis et wap(entacis) et omnibus placitis et querelis et omnibus geldis et auxiliis et omni seculari servitio. T(estibus) Sym(one) com(ite), Ric(ardo) de Luci, Ric(ardo) de Camville, Will(elmo) de Cheni, Ric(ardo) fil(io) Ursi, Rob(erto) de Ver. Ap(ud) Lund(oniam).

[1] *MS. adds* et terras

MS.: B.M. Cotton MS. *Vespasian E. xviii, f. 5v.
Date: Kirkstead was founded in 1139, so the ref. to Robert Bishop of Lincoln must be to Robert Chesney, cons. 19 Dec. 1148; Earl Simon *d.* Aug. 1153.

428. Lacy, Ilbert de (1135–41)

Notice of a charter acquitting the men of Ilbert de Lacy of forfeitures (esp. concerning the death of William Maltravers) suffered before the king's coronation

Carta regis Stephani per quam clamavit quietos omnes homines Ilb(er)ti de Laceio Francos et Anglos,[1] de omnibus forisfacturis que fecerunt post mortem regis Henrici usque ad diem qua[2] idem Stephanus coronatus fuit, et nominatim de forisfacto de morte Will(elm)i Maltravers.

[1] *MS.* Anglis [2] *MS.* quem

MSS.: P.R.O. *DL. 41/1/36, m. 7; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 18, f. 21 (from the above).
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1440.
Date: Wm. Maltravers was killed by Pain, a knight of the honor of Pontefract, as soon as he heard of the death of Henry I. Robert de Lacy had forfeited the honor by 1115/18, and Henry I had granted it to Hugh de Laval (d. by 1130), and subsequently sold it with Hugh's widow to William Maltravers. See *E.Y.C.* ii. 143, and W. E. Wightman, *The Lacy Family*, 65–73.

429. Lacy, Ilbert de (*c.* 1141)

Notice of a charter of the empress granting Ilbert de Lacy his father's land, pardoning him, and naming two sureties

Item carta M(athildis) imperatricis Henrici regis filie facta Ilb(er)to de Lacy de tota terra patris sui Rob(er)ti de Lacy, et de perdonatione facta eidem Ilb(er)to, et posuit ei obsides David regem[1] Scot(ie) et Robert(um) comit(em) Gloec(estrie) fratrem suum.

[1] *MS.* rex

MS.: P.R.O. *DL. 41/3/27, m. 2.
Date: Ilbert de Lacy fought for Stephen at the battle of the Standard (1138) (Hen. Hunt. 264) and the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb. 1141) at which he was captured (Ord. Vit., bk. xiii, ch. 43). He died *c.* 1142–3. The natural date for this charter is therefore *c.* 1141. Cf. **276.**

430. Lacy, Henry de (1135–54)

Notice of a grant of land at Dalton and the castles of Almondbury and Barwick-in-Elmet (Yorks.) to Henry de Lacy

Carta regis Stephani per quam concessit Henrico de Lascy et heredibus suis castellum de Almanberia, et per quam confirmavit emptionem quam idem Henr(icus) fecit de terra Dalton cum pertinentiis, et eadem confirmavit eidem Henr(ico) castellum Berewicam.

MS.: P.R.O. *DL. 41/1/36, m. 3.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1446 (incomplete); W. E. Wightman, *The Lacy Family*, 244.
Date: Henry de Lacy succ. to the honor of Pontefract and Clitheroe after the death of his brother Ilbert *c.* 1142, but this grant may be earlier, not referring to the honor. *E.Y.C.*, no. 1449, a charter of Henry II, mentions that Matilda the empress had pardoned Henry de Lacy, thus bringing to an end 'the anger and malevolence which King Henry [I] his grandfather had against Robert father of Henry de Lacy'. This pardon should presumably be associated with **429.**

431. Lacy, Jordan de (1136–54)

Notice of a grant of the manor of 'Snotinton' to Jordan de Lacy

Carta Stephani regis Angl[orum] per quam dedit Jordano de Lascy et heredibus suis manerium de Snotintona cum omnibus appendiciis etc.

MS.: P.R.O. *DL. 41/1/36, m. 3.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1445 (with discussion).

432. Lannoy Abbey (before 1154/63, at Le Pré, Rouen)

The empress grants 60 acres of land at (?)Le Becquet in the forest of Lillebonne (Seine-Mar.)

Mathildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justiciis omnibusque fidelibus suis Normannie Francis et Anglicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me pro anima patris mei et antecessorum meorum necnon et pro salute propria et liberorum meorum concessisse et in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse sexaginta acras terre in foresta de Insula Bona in foro qui dicitur Parvum Beccum ecclesie Sancte Marie de Briostel et monachis ibidem deo servientibus. Preterea concessi atque dedi ejusdem loci fratribus aisiamenta pascuorum animalibus suis competentes (*sic*) in foresta. Hiis testibus Hugone de Duvra, Will(elm)o de Moritonie, Petro ejusdem filio, Willelmo de Helium, Waltero filio Ernaldi, Hugone medico, et Clare(m)baldo imperatricis clerico. Apud Pratum.

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *Cartulary of Le Valasse, f. 13^{v}.
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 263 (abstract).
Date: William Abbot (1147–63) of St. Mary de Briostel (= Lannoy or Alnetum (Oise) in the diocese of Beauvais) surrendered this land to Matilda, so that she could give it to Le Valasse, for 120 pounds Beauvaisois in a charter witnessed by Stephen abbot of Mortemer (1154–63) (original in Archives de la Seine-Mar., 18 H, carton 3). Lannoy or Briostel was a daughter-house of Beaubec (Seine-Inf.), the eldest 'daughter' of Savigny.

433. Larderer, John the (1136–7, at Nottingham)

Confirming his lands and the lardership of York

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eboracscira salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Johanni larderario meo de Eboraco et David filio suo terram suam totam quam tenet de me in capite cum ministerio suo de lardario et liberatione sua et omnes terras suas de quocunque eas teneat, sicut tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneat in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis et mariscis, in via et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis cum socha et sacha et thol et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis cum quibus uncquam melius et liberius tenuit tempore regis Henrici. Testibus R(oberto) de Ver, et Roberto filio Ricardi. Apud Notingham.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 9 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 34.
Printed: Drake, *Eboracum* (1736), i. 324; *C.P.R. 1385–9*, p. 19; **E.Y.C.*, no. 243.
Date: Robert fitz Richard de Clare died in 1137.

434. Launceston Priory (1136, at Gillingham (Dorset))

Confirmation of Henry I's charter (Regesta ii, no. 1281)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] Will(el)mo episcopo Exon(iensi) et justit(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et omnibus filiis Sancte Ecclesie per episcopatum Exon(ie) constitutis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse regulares canonicos esse apud Sanctum Stephanum Lanstanet(one) quos episcopus Willelmus ibi posuit et prebendas canonicorum defunctorum et res ecclesie quas habuit prefatus episcopus in manu sua liberas concedo eis quas idem episcopus posuit

[1] *MS.* Anglie

ad communionem eorum qui regulariter deo in eodem servierint loco. Canonici quoque qui ad ordinem regularem converti voluerint prebendas suas et quicquid eis pertinet in pace teneant quamdiu vixerint. Precipio quoque quod canonici illi non ponantur in placitum de terris illis que ab antiquo prebende fuerint et que de prebenda esse recognite et dir(ati)onate fuerint contra aliquem cognatum canonicorum defunctorum qui eas in hereditatem clamet. Concedo quoque quod consilio episcopi ipsius et baronum meorum de visneto remaneant se in domos et officinas suas in loco competentiori sibi et servitio dei in suo proprio territorio ubicumque fuerint sine aliorum dampno. Mando itaque vobis et precipio quod eos juvetis et manuteneatis ut in pace viventes et deo servientes nullius injuriam sentiant nullius violentiam pertimescant sicut rex Henricus nos monuit et rogavit per cartam suam. T(estibus) Henrico ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi), et A(lgaro) ep(iscop)o Const(antiensi), et B(ernardo) ep(iscop)o S(anc)ti David, et Rob(er)t(o) Arund(elli), et Warino vic(ecomite), et G(alfrido) de Furn(ellis). Apud Gillingeh(a)m.

MS.: Lambeth Palace Library, *MS. 719, f. 10.
Date: William Warelwast Bishop of Exeter d. 27 Sept. 1137, and Stephen was in Normandy from Mar. 1137. The witnesses and place-date suggest that this charter was given on the same occasion as **818.**

435. Launceston Priory (1136–9, at Woodstock)

Confirming Henry I's confirmation of Bernard the priest's and Hamelin's part (viz. a half) of the chapel of Launceston Castle

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] episcopo Exon(iensi) et vic(ecomiti) et justit(ie) et baronibus Corn(wallie) salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Stephani Lanstanatonie et canonicis regularibus[2] illam partem in elemosinam de capella mea castelli Lanstanaton cum terris et decimis et beneficiis eidem capelle pertinentibus quas Bernardus presbiter et Hamelin(us) tenuerunt sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Et canonici faciant capelle illi servire per unum presbiterum, et bene et in pace et libere teneant. T(estibus) A(lgaro) ep(iscop)o Constant(iensi), et H. canonico, et Joh(ann)e Mar(escallo). Apud Wodestoc.

[1] *MS.* Anglie [2] *Sic MS., but presumably* ibidem deo servientibus *should be inserted*

MS.: Lambeth Palace Library; *MS. 719, f. 17.
Date: Before the defection of John the Marshal, which had occurred by Sept. 1139. Cf. the grant of Henry I, *Regesta*, ii. 1486.

436. Leicester Abbey (1143–54)

Confirming the foundation of the Abbey

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) etc. Sciatis me concessisse Roberto comiti Ley(cestrie) fundare ecclesiam Sancte Marie etc. et ibi constituere abbat(iam) etc. Et concedo deo et Beate Marie et Ric(ardo) abbati et canonicis regularibus etc. omnes donationes quas Robertus comes Leyc(estrie) dedit concessit vel adquisivit sive adquisi(v)erit seu quae deinceps eis dabunt(ur) in elemosinam. In primis concedo etc. ut in carta originali fundatoris nostri (*sic*) usque huc. Item ex dono Walerani comitis de Mell(ent) xx micas sal(is) in Wich(e) de Wiricestresira. Ex dono Ranulfi comitis Cestr(ie) duas carucatas in Roleia que vocatur Hanechestoft cum prato adjacente etc. Has donationes, terras, etc. que eisdem canonicis pertinent liberas et quietas concedo ab omni expeditione infra Angliam etc. et omni servitio seculari etc. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut prefata ecclesia et canonici bene et pacifice libere et quiete teneant, et libertatem curie sue habeant cum saca et soca et toll et team et infangenethef et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus etc. in nemore et plano etc. sicut aliqua ecclesia totius terre mee de elemosina mea melius quietius et honorificentius tenet etc. ut in carta.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Laud. Misc. 625, f. 6v.
Printed: Nichols, *Leicestershire*, ii, pt. ii, App. 54; *Monast.* vi. 466.
The abbey is said to have been founded in 1143.

437. Leicester, Earl of (1140–4, and probably 1140, at Newton)

Grant of the borough, castle, and county of Hereford

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse hereditarie Rob(erto) com(iti) Legre(cestrie) et heredibus suis burgum Hereford(ie) et castellum et totum comitatum de Herefordisc(ira) preter terram episcopatus et terram abbatie de Rading et aliarum ecclesiarum et abbatiarum que tenent de me in capite, et excepto feodo Hugonis de Mortuo Mari, et feodo Osberti filii Hugonis, et feodo Willelmi de Braiosa, et feodo Gotsonis de Dinan quod fuit Hugonis de Laci. Et hac conditione quod si comes Legre(cestrie) poterit facere versus prefatum Gotsonem quod ipse voluerit feodum illud predictum tenere de eo, bene concedo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefatus comes et heredes sui post eum teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et molendinis, in burgo et extra, cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et quietanciis et consuetudinibus que ad omnia prefata pertinent, cum quibus Willelmus filius Osb(erni) unquam melius vel liberius tenuit. Testibus Rob(er)to de Gant cancell(ario), Will(elm)o comite de Warenn(a), et Will(elm)o comite de Linc(olnia), et Will(elm)o com(ite) de Albam(arla), et com(ite) Simone, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Will(elm)o de Albenni Briton(e). Apud Niwetona(m).

MSS.: P.R.O. *DL. 10/14 (original, $7\frac{1}{5}'' \times 7\frac{9}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xix (T.A.M.B., no. 419), with stub of tongue (now folded backwards) but no seal. Damaged by damp and much faded.) Copies in D.L. Misc. 1/35 (brief notice, 1327), and Oxford, Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 848, f. 68.

Printed: Madox, *History of the Exchequer*, ii. 138; Nichols, *History of Leicester*, i. 25; Davis, in *Essays . . . presented to R. L. Poole*, 173 (from Ashmole).

Date: After Robert de Gant became chancellor and before Turgis of Avranches deserted (1145) or Gotso of Dinan went over to the empress. The external appearance of the document is very similar to **273**, though the seal was on a tongue instead of a tag, and the witnesses are more noble. G. H. White argues that this was not a grant of the earldom, *T.R.H.S.* 4th series, xiii (1930), 72–77, but the formulae used are those for the grant of a second county to a man who was already earl of one. See Davis, *King Stephen*, p. 140.

438. Leicester, Earl of (Jan.–May 1153, at Bristol)

Duke Henry confirms the land of Earl Robert to his son Robert, together with Bréteuil, Pacy, and the stewardship of England and Normandy

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Norm(annie) et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse in feudo et hereditate Rob(er)to filio comitis Legrec(estrie) et heredibus suis totam terram Rodb(er)ti comitis, patris sui, de Anglia, sicut Rodb(er)t(us) de Mellend avus suus die qua fuit vivus et mortuus eam melius et liberius tenuit. Insuper reddidi ei et concessi Britoliu(m) cum toto honore et cum omnibus pertinentiis, sicut Will(el)mus de Britolio melius et liberius et quietius tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Preterea dedi ei et concessi in feudo et hereditate Pasci cum toto honore et totam terram quam Will(el)m(us) de Pasci in Anglia et Normannia tenuit in feudo de me et de quocumque eam tenuisset, et dapiferatum Anglie et Normannie. Quare volo et precipio quod predictus Rodb(er)t(us) et heredes sui omnia ista predicta de me et de heredibus meis teneant ita bene et libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus in terris in aquis in bosco in plano in pratis in pascuis in viis in semitis et in omnibus aliis rebus sicuti antecessores sui de antecessoribus meis unquam melius tenuerunt. T(estibus) Will(el)mo com(ite) Gloec(estrie), R(eginaldo) com(ite) Cornubie, R(icardo) de Humez, Philippo de Columbers, R(oberto) de Dunstanvilla, Will(elmo) filio Joh(ann)is, R(ogero) de Govitio, Walt(er)o de Here(fordia), Guarino filio Geroldi, Henrico suo fr(atr)e, Maneser Biseth dapifero, Will(el)mo filio Hamundi, et Will(el)mo Patricio, Will(el)mo de Crevecor, Will(el)mo de Angervilla, Galfrido de Briencurd, Rog(ero) de Gratepance, Rodb(er)to de Watervilla, Raginaldo de Bordinneio, Gaufrido Abb(at)e. Apud Bristou.

MS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *J. 219, no. 1 (original, $7'' \times 9\frac{5}{8}''$, in an unidentified hand (in some ways resembling

scriptor XXV), with fragment of seal in white wax on parchment tag, showing DEGAVORVM+HEN and NORVM+HEN).

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 47* and Atlas pl. iii (facs.); Teulet, *Layettes*, i. 73; Delisle, *Cartulaire normand*, no. 7; *Genealogist*, N.S., x. 12; L. W. V. Harcourt, *His Grace the Steward*, 59.

Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou and in England, but before he was Duke of Aquitaine.

439. Leicester, Earl of (June. 1153–Dec. 1154)

Duke Henry's confirmation for Robert Earl of Leicester himself

H(enricus) dux Normann(orum) et Aquitan(orum) *et comes Andegav(orum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et fidelibus et amicis suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse in feodo et hereditate* Roberto comiti Leycestrie *et heredibus suis totam terram quam* tenuit Robertus comes Mellent pater suus in *Anglia sicut* ipse *Robertus* comes *de Mellent eam melius et liberius tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus*, exceptis terris R(oberti) comitis de Mellent de Sturmenstre et cum pertinentiis. Concessi etiam ei omnia illa que Henricus rex avus meus dedit illi. *Insuper reddidi et concessi ei Britolium cum toto honore* et *cum omnibus pertinentiis sicut* predictus (*sic*) *Willelmus de Britolio melius et liberius tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Preterea dedi et concessi [ei] in feodo et hereditate Pasci cum toto honore et totam terram quam Willelmus de Pasci tenuit in Anglia et* in *Normannia in feodo de me et de quocumque eam tenuisset, et dapiferatum Anglie et Normannie. Quare volo et precipio quod predictus Robertus et heredes sui omnia ista predicta de me et heredibus meis teneant ita bene et libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus* liberis *in terris in aquis in bosco in plano in pratis in pascuis in viis in semitis et in omnibus aliis rebus sicuti antecessores sui de antecessoribus meis unquam melius tenuerunt.* Concedo etiam et confirmo concambium quod idem Robertus comes Leycestrie et Rogerus comes Warrwici fecerunt de terris et hominibus suis. Hiis testibus.

MS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Vespasian D. x, f. 132.

Printed: *Harcourt, *His Grace the Steward*, 58–59.

Date. Henry's titles. Passages in italics are the same in **438**. Cf. P.R.O. D.L. 41/1/35, which contains an abbreviated version of a more-or-less similar charter attributed to Henry II as king.

440. Le Mans Cath. and See (soon after 7 Sept. 1151, at Le Mans)

Notice of the grant of 100s. per annum by Duke Henry

Quem [*sc.* Gaufridum] nobilissimus dux Normannorum Henricus filius ejus in presenti honorifice sepultum videns ecclesia, c solidos, qui ex pelliparioruin consuetudinibus sibi quotannis reddebantur, Beatissimi Juliani canonicis in perpetuum dedit optinendos. Et notandum est quod predicti pelliparii liberi sunt ab omni consuetudine quam ecclesia ista per tres dies nundinarum circa dedicationem percipere consuevit.

Printed: Busson et Ledru, *Nécrologie-Obituaire de la cathédrale du Mans* (Arch. hist. du Maine, t. vii), p. 237; *Delisle–Berger, no. 19* (from the above).

Date: The funeral of Duke Geoffrey must have taken place within a few days of his death.

Note: The Cartulary of Le Mans Cathedral also contains three of Geoffrey's charters dated Jan. 1133, 15 Aug. 1140, and 28 Oct. 1150 (Le Mans, Bibl. Mun. MS. 159, ff. 21, 44, and 21v). In all three Geoffrey is styled *comes Andegavorum et Cenomannorum*; and since they neither concern Normandy nor were given by Geoffrey as Duke of Normandy, they are not printed here. The first two were given at Le Mans, the third at Montreuil-Bellay (*in exercitu juxta Mosterolum*).

441. Lenton Priory (1135–52, and probably early in the period)

Making the church of Holy Trinity, Lenton, a Cluniac Priory

Notum sit fidelium sancte dei ecclesie pie devotioni quod ego Stephanus rex Anglorum, pro divini cultus amore et anime mee remedio, et uxoris mee regine et patris mei et matris mee et antecessorum meorum, et pro salute filiorum meorum, regie excellentie autentica largitione concedo ecclesiam Sancte Trinitatis que est in Lentona [dominio] ac religioni monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem deo servientium, Willielmo Peverello juniori cum

uxore sua Oddona et filio suo Henrico id fieri obnixe auxiliante[1] plurimumque deprecante, jure perpetuo sub prioratu ac dispositione Cluniace institutionis inconcusse et inviolabiliter ac prorsus omni remota calumpnia possidendam, cum universis que a patre ipsius Willielmo Peverello, et ab eodem Willielmo, et ab aliis benefactoribus eidem ecclesie collata sunt; id est Radeford et Mortone etc.

[1] *Monast.* augitante, *C.P.* flagitante

MS.: Lenton Register (once Cotton MS. Otho B. xiv) destroyed in the fire of 1731.
Printed: **Monast.* v. 113; *Complete Peerage* (1916), iv. 762.
Date: William Peverel, who was disinherited by Henry II early in 1155, married twice. Oddona, the wife mentioned here, was his first wife. His second wife was Avice de Lancaster, referred to in the time of Walter Bishop of Coventry (after 20 Oct. 1149).

442. Lenton Priory (1136–41 or 1146–54, possibly *c.* Jan. 1141, at Lincoln)

Confirmation of the grant made by Hugh de Burun in Cotgrave (Notts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Eboraci et justic(ie) et vicecom(iti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Notinghamscira salutem. Sciatis quia confirmo et concedo donationem illam quam Hugo de Burun fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Lenton(a) et monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem deo servientibus de tota terra sua quam habebat in Cotesgrava preter servitium quatuor militum, sicut idem Hugo illam eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod illam bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant sicut Hugo umquam melius vel liberius tenuit, et sicut tenent aliam elemosinam suam. T(estibus) Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et R(icardo) de Curci, et Bald(wino) fil(io) Gisl(eberti), et W(illelmo) Pever(el), et W(illelmo) de Albini. Apud Lincoln(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 22, *30 Ed. III, m. 9; Pat. R. 6 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 8, 2 Hen. IV, pt. iii, m. 35.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 112.
Date: Stephen was not in possession of Lincoln 2 Feb. 1141–1146. Richard de Courcy and Baldwin fitz Gilbert were both at Lincoln in Dec. 1140–Jan. 1141 (**114**), and they and William Peverel fought in the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb. 1141).

443. Lessay Abbey (1144–50, at Saumur)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the mill at Sainte-Opportune

G(aufridus)[1] dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) H(ugoni) archiepiscopo et omnibus ep[iscopis comitibus] baronibus justiciis et omnibus suis servientibus salutem. [Notum sit vobis] atque omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego concessi donationem quam Willelmus de Aureavalle fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Exaquio, videlicet de molendino de Sancta Oportuna quod predicte ecclesie dedit cum omnibus consuetudinibus et molta et omnibus rebus que ad illud molendinum pertinebant, et de parte illa quam in ecclesia Sancte Oportune habebat [et ecclesie] Exaquii dedit sicut carta illius testatur. Et ut hec don[atio et concessio] perpetuo fiat, sigilli mei testimonio illam confirmari . . . . Testes autem inde sunt Ric(ardus) canonicus, Willelmus de Vernone, ... Engelg(erus) de Boh(un), Alex(ander) de Boh(un), Robertus de Montef(orti), [Johannes][1] de Sancto Johanne, Rualocus de Saeio, Jos(linus) de Tyr(onibus), P[ippinus de Tyronibus], Willelmus de . . .,[2] Adam de Sotewast. Apud Salmur(am).

[1] *Haskins* [Willelmus]

[2] *Haskins* [Sai?], *but Wm. de Sai was killed at Burwash in 1144* (*Round, G. de M. 169*)

MS.: St. Lô, Archives de la Manche H 7771 (original, said to have been written in the same hand as **77**, with tag but no seal). Destroyed 1944; Delisle had a photograph (now untraceable).
Printed: *Haskins, 138 (no. 3).
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

444. Lewes Priory (1135–54)

Alleged general confirmation

Ego Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum presentibus et futuris inperpetuum. Regali convenit excellentie regi regum domino humiliter deservire et religiosos omnes ubique propensius honorare. Quapropter Lewense monasterium Sancti Pancratii quod proprium est Cluniacensis cenobii quia regulari disciplina construitur et caritate dilatatur pie diligo et quicquid ei a quibuscunque donatum est, ego auctoritate regia confirmo pro salute mea et antecessorum meorum, videlicet quecumque a baronibus meis et ceteris hominibus Francis et Anglis prefato monasterio devote donata sunt mea confirmat donatio. Scilicet in Devenesira[1] . . . .

[1] There follows a catalogue of the priory's possessions arranged by counties, which ceases to bear any resemblance to a royal charter, ending without anathema, *signa*, or place-date.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *Collection de Bourgogne, vol. 80, no. 32 (pretended original, 15⅛″ × 17⅜″, written in a non-chancery hand with many interlinear additions, with no seal, tongue, or tag).

Printed: Bruel, *Chartes de l'Abbaye de Cluny*, v, no. 4049; Duckett, *Cluny Charters*, i. 69; *C.D.F.*, no.1391 (cal.). See also *Sussex Arch. Trans.* xl. 58–78 and 280.

445. Lewes Priory (Dec. 1135–Aug. 1139, at Beckenham, Kent)

Quittances for various lands in London

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et Andr(ee) Bucc(e uncte) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis Lond(onie) salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietum Sancto Pancratio de Lewis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus terram que fuit Vital(is) Grossi et terram que fuit Huard(i) Grossi et totam terram quam Sanctus Pancratius habet in Lond(onia) et extra portam Lond(onie) de vicecom(itatu) Lond(onie) de loto et scota et plac(itis) et querel(is) et husting(is) et omnibus rebus exc(eptis) murdr(o) et latr(ocinio) probato. Et do ei et concedo hoc quod habeo in domibus suis. Teste Episcopo Wint(oniensi). Apud Becham.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/15395 (original, 6 $\frac{7}{10}$″ × 3 $\frac{9}{16}$″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xvii (T.A.M.B., no. 484), with stub of tongue and wrapper. Seal missing).

Date: Before Andrew Buccuinta ceased to be justiciar of London (by June/Dec. 1139), and before Henry bishop of Winchester styled papal legate (29 Aug. 1139).

446. Lewes Priory (1139–47, at London)

Confirmation of the gift of Earl William de Warenne

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iariis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationes illas quas Will(elmu)s comes de Warenna dedit et concessit deo et ecclesie Sancti Pancratii de Lewis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, in terris et ecclesiis et decimis et in omnibus aliis rebus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi omnia predicta bene et in pace et libere habeant et teneant, sicut predictus comes illa eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Henr(ico) ep(iscop)o Wint(oniensi), et M(atilde) regina, et Eust(achio) filio meo, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et W(illelmo) Martel, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ada(m) de Beln(aco), et Rog(ero) de Fraxin(eto). Apud Lundon(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/15394 (original, 8¾″ × 4 $\frac{1}{10}$″, written apparently by the beneficiary's scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 483), with fold and slits for tag. Tag and seal missing.)

Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England and before Eustace was Count of Boulogne.

447. Lewes Priory (1135–54)

Confirmation of Southover and two churches in Brighton (Sussex)

Stephanus rex Anglorum omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis qu(od) pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Angl(orum) et pro salute anime mee et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et puerorum

meorum concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam comes Willelmus de Warenna fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Pancratii de Lewes et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, scilicet de terra que dicitur Southovera etc. Et in Bristelmestona duas ecclesias cum appendiciis earum, et in eadem villa dimidiam hidam terre et dimidiam terram que fuit Johannis de Chaisneto etc. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta Sancti Pancratii et monachi ibidem deo servientes has predictas terras et tenuras et ecclesias et decimas et molendina et redditus denariorum teneant et in perpetuam elemosinam possideant cujuscumque donationis sint, de feodo ipsius comitis bene et in pace, libere et honorifice et quiete in omnibus, sicut comes Willelmus Warenne illas eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus etc.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian F. xv, f. 120.

448. Lewes Priory (1148–53, at Lewes)

Confirmation of the gift of the fishery at Pevensey made by King Stephen's son Count Eustace

S(tephanus) Rex Angl(orum) episcopo Cicestr(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Rapo Pevenesell(e) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam comes Eust(achius) filius meus fecit ecclesie Sancti Pancratii de Lewis et monachis in ea deo servientibus de piscaria de Pevenesell(a) que est juxta Langeneiam et de pertinentiis ejusdem piscarie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi piscariam illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant cum pertinentiis ejus in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam omni seculari exactione et servitio sicut filius meus comes Eust(achius) eam illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Will(elmo) de Braiosa, et Rob(erto) de Hast(inges), et Rog(ero) de Frax(ineto). Apud Lewas.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/15389 (original, $6\frac{1}{8}'' \times 5''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 482), with tongue but no seal).
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 29.
Date: Eustace's own charter (B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. F. xv, f. 89^{v}) is witnessed by his brother William as Earl Warenne, i.e. after Jan. 1148. Eustace d. 17 Aug. 1153.

449. Lewes Priory (1148–53, at Lewes)

Confirmation of the gift of the service of Robert of Horsted made by King Stephen's son, Count Eustace

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Cicestr(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse donationem illam quam comes Eust(achius) filius meus fecit ecclesie Sancti Pancratii de Lewis et monachis in ea deo servientibus de servitio terre Rob(er)ti de Horsteda quantum in(de) tenent, et de nummis assise de hundredo et libertate de omnibus teneuris suis de honore Pevenesell(e). Preterea confirmo eis omnes donationes quas barones predicti honoris eidem ecclesie fecerunt. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi supradictas donationes bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam solutas et quietas omni seculari exactione. Testibus W(illelmo) com(ite) War(enne), et W(illelmo) de Braiosa, et Rob(erto) de Hasting(es), et Rog(ero) de Frax(ineto). Apud Lewas.

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/15443 (original, $6\frac{1}{10}'' \times 5\frac{5}{8}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii, with tongue, but no seal). Copies in B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. F. xv, f. 65; and Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 39, f. 60.
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 30; Salzman, *Lewes Cartulary*, i. 110 (trans.).
Date: Same occasion as **448**.

450. Lewes Priory (1148–53, at Lewes)

Confirmation of an exchange of land at Netheravon (Wilts.) and Pevensey (Sx.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse commutationem et escambium illud quod Rogerus episcopus

[Saresberiensis] fecit cum monachis Sancti Pancratii de terra que fuit Hervei de W[il]tona in Neðeravena et de ij hidis et dimidia de capellaria de Pevenesell(a). Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Pancratii et monachi illas [ij hidas] et dimidiam de capellaria Pevenesell(e) bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam sicut eis escambite fuerunt et sicut rex Henricus avunculus meus eas illis concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus W(illelmo) com(ite) Warenn(e), et Will(elmo) de Braiosa, et Rog(ero) de Frax(ineto), et Rob(erto) de Hasting(is). Apud Lewas.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/6691 (original, 6″×4⅝″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii, with tongue but no seal).
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 31.
Date: Same occasion as **448**.

451. Lichfield Cath. and See (1135–6, at Westminster)

Grant of the churches of Penkridge and Stafford (Staffs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Rogero episcopo Cestr(ensi) et ecclesie Sancte Marie Coventr(ie) et ecclesie Sancti Cedde de Lich(feldia) ecclesias de Pencriz et Stafford, quas Jordanus clericus Rogeri de Fisc(anno) tenuit de me in capite, ita quod idem Jordanus eas teneat de episcopo et predictis ecclesiis libere et quiete in vita sua, sicut carta ejusdem episcopi testatur quam inde habet de donatione; et post mortem ejus ecclesie ille remaneant episcopo et predictis ecclesiis in sempiternum, cum terris et capellis et decimis et omnibus rebus eis pertinentibus, pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod episcopus Rogerus et ecclesie sue eas teneant, cum socca et sacca et toll et team et infangenetheve et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus, sicut aliquis predecessorum suorum eas unquam melius et liberius tenuit. Testibus W(illelmo) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), et H(enrico) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 241ᵛ; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 72ᵛ, and Ashmole MS. 864, f. 55; P.R.O. Chart. R. 11–13 Ric. II, no. 27; B.M. Harley MS. 2077, f. 118 (incorrectly).
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1252; Savage, *The Great Register of Lichfield Cath.*, no. 593 (Engl. abstract).
Date: Before the death of William archbishop of Canterbury (21 Nov. 1136).

452. Lichfield Cath. and See (1139–40, at Oxford)

Grant of the church of Wolverhampton (Staffs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus clericis laicis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam Rogero episcopo Cestrensi ecclesiam de Wolveroveshampton cum capellis et terris et redditibus et omnibus dignitatibus et rebus ad eam pertinentibus et maneriis antiquitus ad eam adjacentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predictus episcopus eam in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat sicut ecclesia illa vel aliquis predecessorum illius unquam melius et quietius plenius tenuit in maneriis et appendiciis et omnibus dignitatibus tempore regis Willelmi avi mei et regis Henrici avunculi mei. Hanc autem donationem meam confirmo et presentis sigilli mei munimine corroboro et ratam esse volo presentibus subscriptis testibus, videlicet Aelufo episcopo Carlol(iensi), et Ph(ilipp)o canc(ellario), et Will(elm)o Martel, et Rob(er)to de Oilli, et Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud Oxenfordiam.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 72ᵛ.
Date: While Philip was chancellor (24 June 1139–*c.* Mar. 1140). This charter is revoked by Stephen in **969**, as having been made *inconsulte*. Cf. *Trans. Birmingham Archaeol. Soc.* lx (1940 for 1936), 56.

453. Lichfield Cath. and See (June 1139–Mar. 1140, at Oxford)

Honour of the church of Wolverhampton: Writ of Intendence for Bishop Roger

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) clericis et laycis et omnibus fidelibus suis tenentibus de honore ecclesie de Wolverh(am)pton(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse R(ogero) episcopo

Cestr(ensi) et ecclesie de Lichffeld(ia) ecclesiam de Wolverhampton(a) cum omnibus maneriis ad eam pertinentibus et omnibus appendiciis ejus. Unde volo et precipio quod ei inde intendatis de omnibus tenat(ur)is vestris et de omnibus dignitatibus ecclesie tanquam domino et prelato vestro. Testibus Ph(ilippo) canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Oxenf(ordiam).

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 241v; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 864, f. 55 (from the former).
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1252; Savage, no. 592 (calendared).
Date: While Philip was chancellor. See also note to **452**.

454. Lichfield Cath. and See (1136–54, at York)

Gift of the church of Gnosall (*Staffs.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iario) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus hominibus et fidelibus suis de Staffordscira salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia de Lich(feldia) teneat ecclesiam de Gnoweshala[1] cum omnibus pertinenciis ejus ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et juste sicut illam umquam melius tenuit cum omnibus libertatibus et aliis[2] consuetudinibus ad eam pertinentibus tempore regis Henrici, ne super hoc fiat ei(dem) inde injuria vel contumelia. Teste Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Ebor(acum).

[1] *Ashmole MS.* Gnoveshala [2] *Ashmole MS.* liberis

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 127; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 27.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1248; Savage, no. 171 (calendared).

455. Lichfield Cath. and See (1149, at Woodstock)

Grant of the see of Coventry and Chester to Bishop Walter Durdent

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Waltero episcopo episcopatum Coventr(ie). Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis in stagnis et [p]iscariis in viis et semitis in civitatibus et burgis et extra in omnibus locis, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneth(eof) et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus aliquis predecessor suorum (*sic*) episcopus unquam melius et liberius et honorificentius tenuit. Testibus I(ngulfo) abbate [de] Abbend(onia), Andr(ea) abbate de Cirec(estria), et Wigot abbate (*sic*) de Osneia, W(illelmo) de Caisnet(o), et Ric(ardo) de Camvila, et Rog(ero) de Busseia, et Rain(aldo) filio com(itis). Apud Odestoc.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 65v.
Date: Walter Durdent was consecrated bishop of Coventry on 2 Oct. 1149.

456. Lichfield Cath. and See (1149–54, at [High] Wycombe *in obsidione*)

Grant of markets in Lichfield and Eccleshall (*Staffs.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciar(io) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Staff(ordscira) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie de Lich(feldia) et Waltero ejusdem ecclesie episcopo in perpetuam elemosinam quod habeat forum in villa Lich(feldie) et in villa de Ecclesh(ala) singulis dominicis diebus per annum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et Walterus episcopus et successores sui, ejusdem ecclesie episcopi, bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice possideant, et omnes illuc eundo et redeundo et ibidem negotiando cum mercatis et omnibus catallis suis meam firmam pacem habeant, ne super hoc aliquis eos injuste disturbet super x libros forisfacture. Testibus Osb(erto) Mart(el), et Wid(one) filio Tesc(i), et Will(elmo) de Frax(ineto). Apud Wicu(m)ba(m) in obsidione.

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 126v; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 864, f. 68v and f. 76v.
Printed: (cal.); Savage, no. 167, and *H. M. C. Rept.* xiv, App. viii. 217.
Date: While Walter was bishop of Coventry. Cf. **455**. A marginal note in an early hand in the Lichfield MS. reads Obsidione H. ducis a(nno) gr(ati)e m°cliii. There is no chronicle reference to this siege, but cf. **1**.

457. Lichfield Cath. and See (1149–54, at London)

Grant of a die for minting at Lichfield

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iario) et vic(ecomiti) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Staff(ord)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Cedde de Lich(feldia) et Waltero episcopo de Coventr(ia) et succ(essoribus) ejus inperpetuum unum cuneum habendum apud Lich(feldiam). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et episcopus Walterus et succ(essores) ejus teneant et habeant illum cuneum apud Lich(feldiam) imperpetuum. Testibus Ric(ard)o de Luci, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et R(icardo) de Canvilla. Apud London(iam).

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 204; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 18v, and Ashmole MS. 864, f. 75.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1252; Savage, no. 461 (calendared).
Date: While Walter was bishop.

458. Lichfield Cath. and See (6 Nov. 1153–4 Apr. 1154, at Rochester)

Duke Henry grants the bishop a die and mint at Lichfield

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitan(orum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Cedde Lich(feldie) et Waltero Coventr(ensi) episcopo, familiari et dilecto amico meo, ut unus cuneus monete et moneta sit imperpetuum apud Lich(feldiam) sicut rex Stephanus concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ne quis ei inde injuriam aliquam faciat. Testibus Reg(inaldo)[1] comite Cornub(ie), Guar(ino) filio Ger(oldi) camerario, Henr(ico) fratre suo. Apud Rovecestr(iam).

[1] *Ashmole MS.* Rog(ero)

MSS.: Lichfield D. and C., *Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 204; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 1527, f. 59v.
Printed: *H.M.C. Rep. xiv*, App. viii. 222; Savage, no. 460 (cal.).
Date: Henry could hardly have visited Rochester before the treaty of Westminster (6 Nov. 1153), but he passed through it on his return to Normandy, *c.* 4 Apr. 1154 (Gervase Cant. (R.S.) i. 158).

459. Lichfield Cath. and See (*c.* June–July 1153, at Warwick)

Duke Henry confirms the bishop's assarts in the forests of Cannock at Longdon (Staffs.) etc.

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Ceade et Waltero episcopo et omnibus successoribus suis in elemosinam perpetuam omnes terras de exart(is) de foresta Chanoci de Langedona et de omnib pertinentibus suis, et de omnibus terris episcopi ubicumque sunt in foresta mea, quicquid videlicet exartatum fuit ab olim usque ad Pentecosten quo fui apud Legrecestriam, anno videlicet Incarnationis Domini millesimo centesimo quinquagesimo tertio. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut predictus Walterus episcopus et successores sui omnes illas terras in bona pace et quiete et libere et honorifice teneant, ne quis eis injuriam vel molestiam aliquam vel dampnum aliquid facere presumat. Testibus abbate Will(elm)o Rademor(e), Laur(encio) priore Coventr(ie), Will(elm)o Cum(in), Ric(ardo) de Hum(eto) constab(u)lo, Rob(erto) de Dunestanvill(a), Manes(sero) Bis(et) dap(ifero), Petro filio Will(elm)i dap(ifero) Dudel(ie). Apud Warewic(am).

MSS.: Stafford, Wm. Salt Library; *MSS. of Marquis of Anglesey, no. 1577 (original, 8¼″×4⅛″ in the hand of *scriptor* xxiii (T.A.M.B., no. S. 67) with tongue and tie but no seal). Copies in Lichfield D. and C., Mag. Reg. Alb., f. 85v; Bodl. Lib., Ashmole MS. 864, f. 15; P.R.O. Chart. R. 18 Ed. I, m. 18.
Printed: *C.C.R.* ii. 347; *Wm. Salt Soc.* x. 23; Savage, no. 20 (cal.).
Date: Henry is known to have been at Warwick *c.* June–July 1153. Whitsun, which according to this charter he spent at Leicester, fell on 7 June.

460. Lilleshall Abbey (early in 1145, at Bury St Edmunds)

Confirming the gift of prebends in St. Alcmund's Shrewsbury, at the request of Richard Belmeis

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia prece Ric(ardi) archidiaconi dedi et concessi pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie et pro salute mea et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum prebendam ipsius Ricardi quam habuit in ecclesia Sancti Alchmundi de Salopesberia et totum dominium suum et omnes alias res suas canonicis regularibus de Dunintona et omnes alias prebendas predicte ecclesie res suas canonicis regularibus de Dunintona et omnes alias prebendas predicte ecclesie Sancti Alchmundi quando deliberabuntur cum omnibus ad illas pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti canonici regulares teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omni seculari exactione in bosco et plano in pratis in pasturis et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus sicut elemosinam meam. T(estibus) Imaro Tuscul(ensi) ep(iscop)o legato, et R(oberto) Heref(ordensi) episcopo, et Rotroc Ebroic(ensi) episcopo, et R(oberto) de Gant canc(ellario), et com(ite) W(illelmo) de Warenn(a), et com(ite) Gisl(eberto) de Clara, et com(ite) Alberico, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et H(enrico) de Essexa. Apud S(an)ct(u)m Edm(undum).

MSS.: Salop Record Office, *S.R.O. 972/14 (original, 6⅝″ × 7″, in the hand of *scriptor* xxi, with stub of longue but no seal). Copies in Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 110, f. 43ᵛ, and B.M. Add. MS. 50121, f. 44 (partly illegible).

Printed: *Monast.* vi. 263 (no. vi).

Date: The legate Imar came to England and left the same year. He was in England when Lucius II died (26 Feb. 1145). For a discussion see Eyton in *Arch. Journal*, xii (1855), 231 ff.

461. Lilleshall Abbey (1148–51, but probably June 1148, at Falaise)

The empress grants protection to the abbey and its possessions

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia W(illelmo) fil(io) [Alani et Waltero fratri suo et] omnibus fidelibus suis de Salopescira salutem. Sciatis me recepisse dominum Willelmum abbatem de Lilles(halla) [et canonicos] ibidem [servie]ntes deo, pro salute anime H(enrici) patris mei et Matildis matris mee et omnium [progenitorum meorum et pro] salute mea et [incolumitate], sub [tutelam] et protectionem meam. Quare volo et precipio quod abbas predictus [et canonici sui omnes possessiones suas] libere et quiete [teneant], scilicet ecclesiam Sancti Alcmundi [cum omnibus rebus] ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus [et] libertatibus [et liberis] consuetudinibus [et] quiet[antiis]. T(estibus) H(ugone) [archiepiscopo Rothomagensi, Jocelino episcopo Salesberiensi, Ricardo] cancellario, Roberto de Curcy, W(illelmo) [de Angerivilla. Apud Falesiam.]

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 50121, f. 44 (cartulary). The folio much rubbed and now illegible in places, especially where it has been varnished. Passages in square brackets are reconstructions based on the English version published by R. W. Eyton in 1855.

Printed: (English abstracts only). R. W. Eyton in *Arch. Journal*, xii (1855), 234; *Antiquities of Shropshire*, viii. 216; *Trans. Shrops. Arch. Soc.*, 1st series, xi. 148.

Date: (If Eyton's witness-list and place date are right.) The empress left England for Normandy in Feb. 1148; her husband's chancellor, Richard, was made Bishop of Coutances in Dec. 1151. Jocelin de Bohun Bishop of Salisbury made peace with the empress at Falaise on 10 June 1148 (*Sarum Charters*, 14–15).

462. Lilleshall Abbey (1150–1, at Argentan)

Duke Henry confirms St. Alcmund's Shrewsbury etc.

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus [comitibus baronibus] vicecomitibus et justiciis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse canonicis de Lilleshull ecclesiam Sancti Alcmundi de Salop(esberia) in perpetuam elemosinam cum soca et saca et thol et theam et infangtheof et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus quas habebant tempore regis H(enrici) avi mei. [Quare volo] et firmiter precipio quod habeant atque teneant in bono (*sic*) et in pace.

T(estibus) Arnulfo ep(iscopo), [Hunfrido de Bohun,] Walcelyn Ma(m)utino, Will(elmo) filio Hamonis, Warin(o) fil(io) Ger(oldi), R(oberto) filio . . .,[1] Manasser B[isset]. Apud [Argentonum].

[1] *Eyton* Hildebrandi

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 50121, f. 44 (passages in square brackets, now illegible, have been reconstructed from Eyton's English abstract made in 1855).

Printed: (Engl. abs.) Eyton, in *Arch. Journal*, xii (1855), 234; *Antiquities of Shropshire*, viii. 216 and *Trans. Shrops. Arch. Soc.*, 1st series, xi (1), 148.

Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy and before he was Count of Anjou. Eyton's reading of Robert fitz *Hildebrand* as a witness must therefore be wrong because he died *c.* 1143 (G. S., p. 101). An alternative reading from the illegible MS. would be Robert fitz *Robert*.

463. Lincoln Cath. and See (1137, at Rouen)

Grant of a site for the bishop's palace in Lincoln

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Lincol(ne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) terram que est inter ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis et fossatum, desicut fossatum se extendat in murum civitatis; et in proximo loco circa ecclesiam predictam xx solidatas terre de dominio meo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod in pace eam teneat et libere et honorifice et quiete cum soca et sacha et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietationibus cum quibus erat dum in dominio meo erat. Et si idem episcopus in ea domum sibi edificaverit ad propriam sui mansionem, tunc concedo ecclesie Linc(olniensi) et sibi et successoribus suis episcopis in eternam possessionem predictam terram quietam de omni consuetudine. Et eodem loco concedo eidem episcopo ipsum fossatum et murum civitatis ad introitus suos faciendum, et utilia sui edificii faciendum. Testibus Canc(ellario) Rog(ero), et Hugon(e) Big(od). Apud Roth(omagum).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 32, Reg. Superantiq. 48 A 1/3/7 (*inspex.* of Ed. III); P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 24.

Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 87; *C.C.R.* iv. 103.

Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

464. Lincoln Cath. and See (1137, at Rouen)

Grant of William Turniant's house and messuage in Lincoln

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lincol(ne)scire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) domum que fuit Will(elmi) T(ur)niant in Linc(olnia) cum tota mansura. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod qui eam tenuerit, eam de predicto episcopo teneat sicut de me ipso eam tenere solebat. Et idem episcopus eam teneat cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus tenet aliam terram suam quam quietius tenet. Teste Canc(ellario) Rog(e)r(o). Apud Rothomagum.

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 34; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.

Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 101; *C.C.R.* iv. 140.

Date: While Stephen was in Normandy.

465. Lincoln Cath. and See (Feb. 1136–Feb. 1138, at Durham)

Grant of the fee of Adam of Hothfield (Kent), its castle-guard to be done at Newark (Notts.) or elsewhere instead of Dover

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de honore Dovre et de comitatu de Chent salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse A(lexandro) episcopo Lincol(niensi) feodum Ade de Hedfelda. Et volo et precipio quod wardam quam faciebat apud Dovram faciat ubi episcopo placuerit, aut ad castellum suum de Niwerca aut alibi. Testibus canc(ellario), et Hug(one) Big(od). Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33^{v}, Reg. Superantiq. 56; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4 and m. 23.

Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 95; *C.C.R.* iv. 105 and 140.

Date: Stephen was at Durham in Feb. 1136 and Feb. 1138. Hugh Bigod deserted by 1140. Cf. **482.**

466. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–9, at Rockingham)

Ralph the canon to hold his land in the prebend of Asgarby (Lincs.) as he proved his title before the king's justice

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus ministris suis de Lincol(ne)scira salutem. Precipio quod Radulfus canonicus de Ansgerbi teneat terram suam quam homines de Lucebi tenebant in prebenda de Angerby cum omnibus appendiciis suis ita bene et in pace et juste et libere et honorifice sicut Robertus de Grainvill(a) unquam melius vel liberius eam tenuit, et sicut eam disrationavit coram justic(ia) mea, ne super hoc ponatur inde in placitum nisi nominatim precepero, neque clamorem inde audiam. Teste Rog(er)o cancell(ario). Apud Rochingeham.

MS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 79.
Date: While Roger was chancellor.

467. Lincoln Cath. and See (probably 1136–9, at Stamford)

Canon Ralph's prebend of Asgarby to have soke and sake etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de Linc(olne)scira salutem. Precipio quod prebenda Radulfi canonici Sancte Marie Linc(olniensis) de Ansg(er)by habeat socham et sacham et tol et theam et infangenetheof et omnes alias libertates et consuetudines suas ita bene et plene sicut aliqua prebenda Linc(olniensis) melius et liberius habet. Et sit quieta de placitis et querelis et scir(is) et hundr(edis) et wapentac(is) et omnibus rebus excepto murdro et latrocinio. Et Radulfus sic libere et honorifice teneat eam sicut Robertus de Grainvilla canonicus predecessor suus unquam melius tenuit et quietius. Testibus A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et cancellario. Apud Stanford(iam).

MS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31v.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 80.
Date: Presumably much the same as **466**, certainly before the death of Bishop Alexander (20 Feb. 1148).

468. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–June 1139, at Woodstock)

Grant to the bp. of the church of the king's manor of Torksey (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et baronibus et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus fidelibus suis de Linc(olne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) in elemosinam ecclesiam manerii mei de Torcheseia cum terris et decimis et elemosinis et omnibus rebus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneat. Testibus [Nigello] episcopo de Ely, et cancellario, et Rogero de Fisc(anno), et R(oberto) de V(er). Apud Wdestoch.

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33, Reg. Superantiq. 51.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 90.
Date: Roger of Fécamp does not attest after 1140, so this must be before the arrest of the bishops.

469. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Release from the annual payment of ten pounds for the ferm of Well wapentake (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Lincol(ne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et finaliter perdonasse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) illas x libras quas ipse et Robertus episcopus antecessor suus reddere solebant de firma per annum pro Welle wapentac. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem episcopus Alexander teneat illud wapentac bene et in pace libere et quiete cum omnibus illis libertatibus et quietationibus cum quibus ipse et Robertus episcopus

melius tenuerunt quando illas x libras reddebant. Testibus Willelmo Mart(el), et A(lberico) de Ver, et Hugone Bigoto, et Willelmo de Alb(ini) pincerna. Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 32; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 84; *C.C.R.* iv. 140.
Date: Before Wm. de Albini *pincerna* died (1 Nov. 1139) and before Hugh Bigod revolted (1140). As the bishop is in favour, it must be before his arrest (June 1139).

470. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Bishop Alexander to have the service of two Knights [formerly dependent on the honour of Lancaster]

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus baronibus suis et fidelibus suis Linc(olne)scire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) servitium Radulfi filii Haconis et servitium Eudonis de Greinesby quod faciebant Galfrido filio Pagani. Testibus episcopo Sar(isberiensi), et episcopo Winton(iensi), episcopo Cicestr(ensi), cancellario. Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 78; *C.C.R.* iv. 139.
Date: **471** shows that the bishop held the services by Jan. 1141. There was no Bishop of Salisbury in 1140 or 1141.

471. Lincoln Cath. and See (probably Christmas 1146, at Lincoln)

Enforcement of the previous grant

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olne)scira salutem. Precipio quod Alex(ander) episcopus Linc(olniensis) teneat et habeat milites suos quos ei dedi de feodo Rog(er)i Pictav(ensis), scilicet Rad(ulfum) filium Hacon(is) et Eudon(em) de Grenesbi, ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut illos tenuit die qua primum veni ad obsidionem Linc(olnie), ne super hoc inde ab aliquo infestetur. Teste Mathild(e) regin(a). Apud Lincol(niam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *A 1/1/9 (original, 6 $\frac{1}{10}$″ × 1 $\frac{3}{10}$″, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 255); tongue and seal missing). Copies in Reg. Antiq., f. 31, and P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.* no. 77 (facs.), *C.C.R.* iv. 139, *E.H.R.* xxiii. 727.
Date: After the beginning of the siege of Lincoln (*c.* 1 Jan. 1141) and before the death of Bishop Alexander (20 Feb. 1148); but Stephen lost Lincoln after the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb. 1141) until 1146. The alternatives are therefore *either c.* Jan. 1141, *or* 1146–Feb. 1148. What evidence there is suggests that the queen was not at Lincoln in 1141 (see **24**), but it is likely that she would have been with Stephen at his solemn crown-wearing at Lincoln at Christmas 1146 (Hen. Hunt. 279).

472. Lincoln Cath. and See (1140 or 1146–7, at Oxford)

The cathedral to have seisin of its meadow near Lincoln

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) prepositis et burgensibus Lincol(nie) salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie Lincol(niensis) sit saisita et tenens de prato suo juxta Lincol(niam) ita bene et plene et libere et quiete sicut melius vel plenius saisita fuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et meo tempore postea. Et si quid super hoc inde captum est, reddatur. Et nisi feceris, justicia mea comes Willelmus faciat, ne super hoc amplius audiam inde clamorem pro penuria pleni recti vel justicie. Teste Rob(erto)[1] cancellario. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

[1] *Reg. Antiq.* R

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., **Registrum*, no. 28, Reg. Antiq., f. 33^{v}, Reg. Superantiq. 28.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 96.
Date: Accepting the *Registrum*'s reading that the chancellor was not Roger, but Robert de Gant, the date cannot be before 1140. Stephen could not have been in Oxford in 1141; nor had he control of Lincoln after 2 Feb. 1141 until 1146. The Earl William is presumably Earl of Lincolnshire, in which case the charter must be before Oct. 1147 by when Wm. de Roumare had joined Duke Geoffrey in Rouen.

473. Lincoln Cath. and See (*c.* Jan. 1139, at Oxford)

Grant to the canons of 18 pounds'-worth of land in Corringham wapentake (Lincs.) in exchange for land in Kirton and Caistor (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Lincol(ne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie Lincol(niensis) et canonicis xviii libratas terre in Coringeham wapentac in escambium xviii libratarum quas solebant habere in Cherchetona et Castre pro decimis in prebenda(m), scilicet in Torp iii carrucatas terre et iii bovatas, in Blitona et Wartona v carrucatas terre et vii bovatas, in Phileh(am) ii carrucatas et v bovatas et ii partes unius bovate, in Gillebi et Wartona vii bovatas, ad Trentam ix bovatas et dimidiam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et in omnibus locis et rebus omnibus cum socha et sacha et toll et theam et infangenethef et cum omnibus illis libertatibus et rectitudinibus et consuetudinibus quas ego ipse in terris predictis habui dum in manu mea essent, et cum illis consuetudinibus quas rex Henricus inde habebat. Testibus R(ogero) episcopo Sar(isberiensi), et R(oberto) episcopo Excestr(ensi), et Symone episcopo Wigrecestr(ensi), et A(lexandro) episcopo Lincol(niensi), et R(ogero) cancellario, et R(oberto) comite Legrecestr(ie), et Symone comite, et R(ogero) comite Warewic, et Milone Gloecest(rie), et R(oberto) de Oilli, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ing(elramo)[1] de Sai, et H(enrico) de Traci. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

[1] *MS. Reg. Antiq.* þig; *Chart. R.* Ing

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33, Reg. Superantiq. 55; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 24.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 94.
Date: Robt. Warelwast cons. Bishop of Exeter 18 Dec. 1138. The exchange of lands confirmed by Innocent II on 28 Apr. 1139 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 249). Stephen was at Godstow near Oxford in Jan. 1139 (**366**). Cf. *E.H.R.* xxv (1910), 114–16.

474. Lincoln Cath. and See (*c.* Apr. 1139, at Nottingham)

Writ enforcing the previous grant

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis omnibus de Lincol(ne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie Linc(olniensis) et canonicis ejusdem ecclesie illas xviii libras terre et sochemannos quos eis in prebendas dedi in escambium decime sue de Cherchetona et de Castra cum omnibus consuetudinibus et rectitudinibus et libertatibus quas in illis habebam, et quas rex Henricus inde habebat. Et ideo precipio quod illi sochemanni plenarie eis in omnibus intendant. Teste Willelmo de Alb(ini) pincerna. Apud Notingh(am).

MS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31v.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 83.
Date: After **473**. William de Albini pincerna died 1 Nov. 1139, and his son William was styled Earl (of Lincoln) apparently from the summer of 1139. Stephen is known to have been at Nottingham in Apr. 1139.

475. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–48, but probably 1136–9, at Oxford)

Grant of the king's manor of Eagle (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olne)scira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) manerium meum de Eicla cum omnibus adjacentiis suis in bosco et plano et in aliis rebus sicut erat dum esset in manu Henrici regis et mea. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod illud bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat de me in capite cum toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum saca et soca et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus cum quibus rex Henricus illud melius et liberius tenuit, et ego post illum, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis, et in via et in semitis et in omnibus

aliis locis. Testibus episcopo Wint(oniensi), et episcopo Sar(isberiensi), et cancellario. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33, Reg. Superantiq. 52.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 91.
Date: While Alexander was bishop and probably before the arrest of the bishops.

476. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–40, at Odiham)

Grant to the bishop of a four-day fair at Sleaford (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et successoribus suis post eum quod habeat unam feriam in manerio suo de Eslaford, que incipiat die proxima ante festum Sancti Dionisii et duret in crastino et die sequente post festum. Quare volo et precipio quod omnes illuc euntes et ibi morantes et inde redeuntes habeant meam firmam pacem cum omnibus suis, dando ibi suas rectas consuetudines, ne super hoc ab aliquo injuste disturbentur alicubi super x libras forisfacture. Testibus R. cancellario, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) de Ver, et Radulfo filio Walteri. Apud Odiham.

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33, Reg. Superantiq. 53; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 24.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 92; *C.C.R.* iv. 102.
Date: Aubrey de Vere d. May 1140, by which time his son Aubrey was styled count (of Guines).

477. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–40, at London)

Grant of the church of N. Kelsey (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici, et pro salute anime mee, deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Linc(olniensis) in prebendam ecclesiam de Northchelesia cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsa ecclesia Linc(olniensis) eam teneat et habeat bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et absolute ab omni seculari exactione in perpetuam elemosinam. Et ut hec donatio mea rata illibataque teneatur et conservetur, presentis sigilli mei impressione confirmo et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro: Matill(ide) regina, comite Gill(eberto), comite Herveyo, et Willelmo de Ipra, et Roberto de V(er), et Willelmo Mart(el), et Ricardo de Luci, et Rogero de Fraxin(eto). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Lincoln, D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 34^{v}, A 1/3/7 (*inspex.*); P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 24.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 102; *C.C.R.* iv. 102; *Monast.* viii. 1275 (incomplete).
Date: The attestations of Wm. of Ypres and Richard de Lucy suggest a date not earlier than 1139. Count Hervey of Leon (and later of Wilts. 1140–1), left England for good in 1141 (G.S. 77), but Stephen was not in London that year till after his release from captivity.

478. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–40, at Oxford)

Letter to Bishop Alexander, arranging for the cathedral to be invested with 14 pounds of the tithe of the ferm of the city for the benefit of Baldric de Sigillo

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi) salutem. Scias quia per requisitionem Baldrici de Sigillo clerici mei dedi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Linc(olniensis) in perpetuam elemosinam xiiii libras singulis annis de decima de firma mea civitatis Linc(olnie) in prebendam ad opus ipsius Baldrici. Ego autem ex mea parte tibi mando et obnixe te requiro quatinus tantum ex tuo addas eidem prebende prefate ad honorem et utilitatem ecclesie, quod honor etiam inde sit michi et tibi et illi qui multum michi servivit, et grates multiplices inde tibi sciam. Et mittas michi unum ex canonicis tuis de eadem ecclesia qui de manu mea investituram ejusdem prebende recipiat, et saisinam per anulum meum ecclesie deferat, simul cum carta mea, et qui ex tua parte et capituli tui

ipsum Baldricum de predictis investiat. Et canonicus veniat ad me circa Oxeneford(iam) quia ibidem me inveniet. Testibus M(atillide) regina, et Willelmo de Ipra, et Ricardo de Luci. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 32ᵛ, Reg. Superantiq. 49, Registrum, 30.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 88.
Date: Not earlier than 1139, because of the presence of William of Ypres and Richard de Luci in England, nor later than 6 Feb. 1146 when the grant was mentioned in a papal confirmation (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 252). As royal control of Lincoln is implied, the date cannot be between 2 Feb. 1141 and 1146, and Stephen was not at Oxford in Jan. 1141.

479. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–40, at London)

Grant of a tithe of the ferm of the city of Lincoln (consequent on **478***) and confirmation of the church of N. Kelsey (Lincs.) (cf.* **477***)*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Linc(olniensis) decimam firme mee civitatis Linc(olnie) in perpetuam elemosinam et in prebendam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia Beate Marie habeat prefatam decimam meam et inperpetuum possideat illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut elemosinam meam. Preterea concedo et do ecclesie Beate Marie predicte ecclesiam de Nordchelesi in perpetuam elemosinam et prebendam possidendam cum omnibus eidem ecclesie adjacentibus. Testibus M(atillide) regina, et comite Willelmo de Warena, et Willelmo de Ipra, et Ricardo de Luci, et Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31ᵛ, Registrum, 31.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 82.
Date: Presumably the charter which one of the canons was to receive according to **478**, and consequently of similar date.

480. Lincoln Cath. and See (Dec. 1140–Jan. 1141, or 1146–54, at Lincoln)

Baldric the king's chaplain to have the tithe of the ferm of the city (as granted in **478–9***)*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et prepositis et civibus suis Linc(olnie) salutem. Precipio vobis quod faciatis habere Baldrico capellano meo decimam firme mee civitatis Lincol(nie) quam dedi ecclesie Beate Marie et ei in prebendam, et ita ne inde fallat quin illam ei reddatis ad illos terminos statutos quibus reddi solet et debet firma civitatis. Teste Willelmo de Ipra. Apud Lincol(niam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 34, Registrum, 32.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 98.
Date: Presumably consequent on **479** and **480**; Stephen was at Lincoln probably in Dec. 1140, and certainly (with Wm. of Ypres) in Jan. 1141. But it is also possible that it dates from 1146–54 when Stephen had recovered the city.

481. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–54, at Oxford)

Confirmation of Henry I's grant of all the churches in the borough of Lincoln (Regesta, ii. 821)

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis et episcopis et justiciar(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam rex Henricus avunculus meus fecit ecclesie Sancte Marie de Linc(olnia) et episcopo ejusdem ecclesie Roberto Blouet de ecclesiis omnibus de burgo Linc(olnie) quas presbiteri earundem ecclesiarum de eodem rege H(enrico) tenebant infra burgum et extra. Quare precipio quod predicta ecclesia Linc(olnie) et episcopus ecclesias illas bene et in pace et quiete teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis earum et libertatibus sicut rex

Henricus eas illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ricardo de Luci, et Willelmo de Caisnet(o). Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31, Registrum, 29.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 75.
Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England.

482. Lincoln Cath. and See (1136–41 or 1146–Feb. 1148, at Lincoln)

Grant to the bishop of Alice de Condet's castle of Thorngate and other lands, and the wardship of her son

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lincolie scir(e) et de Chent salutem. Sciatis quia concedo Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi) vadium quod Adelid(is) de Condet fecit ei de castello suo de Tornegat et de terris suis, scilicet de Wicham in Chent cum appendiciis suis, et in Notingehamscira de Grimeston cum appendiciis suis, et in Lincol(ne)scira de Carletona et de Torlebi et de Eicla cum appendiciis suis, et de Scheldinghop cum appendiciis suis, et custodiam filii sui. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem A(lexander) episcopus teneat omnia hec supradicta bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice, nec ponatur inde in placitum donec filius ipsius Adelid(is) de Condet talis etatis sit quod possit terram tenere et miles fieri. Testibus comite Symone, et Roberto de Stutevill(a), et Radulfo de Haia. Apud Lincol(niam).

MS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 34.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 99.
Date: While Alexander was bishop and Stephen held Lincoln. Cf. **465**.

483. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–46, at London)

Grant of $\frac{1}{2}$ carucate in Canwick (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis), vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Lincol(ne)scira et totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Linc(olniensis) in perpetuam elemosinam et prebendam dimidiam carrucatam terre quam Willelmus nepos Mart(elli) de Tanea tenebat in Canewic de me in capite per xiiii denarios reddendos inde michi per annum de servitio. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Beate Marie prefata habeat et teneat illam dimidiam carrucatam terre in prebendam cum prefato servitio pertinenti bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et ab omni seculari exactione quiete sicut melius vel liberius tenet alias tenuras et prebendas. Testibus Matild(e) regina, et comite Gisleberto, et Gwillelmo de Ipra, et Willelmo Mart(el), et Ricardo de Luci, et Ricardo de Ca(n)vill(a). Apud Lund(oniam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 31^{v}, Registrum, 26 and 1093.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 81.
Date: While Richard de Lucy and Wm. of Ypres in England and before papal confirmation of 6 Feb. 1146 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 252). Cf. the witnesses of **477** which suggests a date *c.* 1139–40.

484. Lincoln Cath. and See (1139–46, at Oxford)

Grant of the church of Langford (Oxon.) to the cathedral

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Lincol(niensis) ecclesiam de Langford(a) in prebendam cum omnibus terris et decimis et aliis rebus ad ecclesiam predictam pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie Lincol(niensis) teneat hec omnia predicta in perpetuam elemosinam et in prebendam bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omni seculari exactione. Testibus Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *A1/1/10 (original, $5\frac{3}{8}'' \times 3\frac{3}{10}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 256), with tongue and wrapper but no seal). Copy in Reg. Antiq., f. 31.

Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 76 (facs.); *E.H.R.* xxiii. 727.
Date: While Wm. of Ypres and Ric. de Lucy in England, and before the papal confirmation of 6 Feb. 1146 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 252).

485. Lincoln Cath. and See (*c.* 1146, at Oxford)

Grant of the chapelry of Blyth (Notts.) to the cathedral

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Lincol(niensis) in prebendam capellariam de Blida cum ecclesiis et capellis et decimis et terris et omnibus aliis rebus eidem capellarie pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Beate Marie Linc(olniensis) hec omnia predicta bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete in perpetuum teneat ab omni seculari exactione, sicut melius et liberius tenet alias prebendas suas. Testibus Rob(er)to de V(er), et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Henr(ico) de Essexa, et Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *A 1/1/7 (original, $6\frac{3}{16}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 253), with tongue and wrapper but no seal). Copies in Reg. Antiq., f. 34, Registrum, 27; and in P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 100 (facs.); *C.C.R.* iv. 139; *E.H.R.* xxiii. 727.
Date: While Wm. of Ypres and Ric. de Lucy in England, and before papal confirmation of 23 Dec. 1146 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 258). This being a separate confirmation suggests that the grant was recent and subsequent to the general papal confirmation of 6 Feb. 1146 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 252).

486. Lincoln Cath. and See (1146–9, at Oxford)

Grant of the church of Brampton (Hunts.) to the cathedral

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis [et episcopis] et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius [Anglie salutem]. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Linc(olniensis) [in] prebendam ecclesiam de Bramtona cum terris et decimis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis [ejus]. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie ecclesiam illam de Bra(m)ton(a) bene et in pace et libere et quiete [et honori]fice teneat et habeat in perpetuum si[cut melius] tenet alias ecclesias quas W(illelmus) avus meus et avunculi mei reges Angl(orum) eidem ecclesie in prebendas [de]derunt. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *A1/1/8 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 254), with tongue and wrapper but no seal). The text damaged by water-stain; portions in square brackets supplied from Reg. Antiq., f. 32, Reg. Superantiq. 47; *Inspex.* of 3 Ed. III; and P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 24.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 86 (facs.); *C.C.R.* iv. 102; *Monast.* viii. 1275; *E.H.R.* xxiii. 728.
Date: Not in the papal confirmations of Feb. 1146 (*Reg. Antiq.*, nos. 251–2), but in that of 13 Apr. 1149 (*Reg. Antiq.*, no. 250).

487. Lincoln Cath. and See (1146–53, at Lincoln)

Confirmation of the manors and churches given by William I

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod concedo ecclesie Sancte Marie de Linc(olnia) manerium Welletone et manerium de Slaford(ia) cum appendiciis suis, et tres ecclesias de tribus maneriis meis, scilicet de Cherchetona, et de Castra, et de Wellingoura cum terris et decimis earum, et preter hoc omnem decimam eorundem maneriorum de redditibus meis. Et concedo eidem ecclesie duas ecclesias in Linc(olnia), scilicet ecclesiam Sancti Laurentii et ecclesiam Sancti Martini, et manerium de Lectona, et manerium de Woburna, et iiii^or ecclesias, scilicet de Bedeford(ia), et de Lechtona, et de Buchingham, et de Ailesb(er)ia in perpetuam elemosinam. Quare precipio quod ipsa ecclesia Sancte Marie Linc(olniensis) bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat omnes supradictas tenuras in maneriis et ecclesiis et decimis

in libera et quieta elemosina, sicut rex W(illelmus) avus meus illas ei dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, quam testificor me vidisse coram baronibus meis in Linc(olnia). Testibus comite Eustac(io), et Radulfo de Haia, et Ricardo de Canvill(a), et Waltero de Aiencurt, et Rain(aldo) de Crevequer. Apud Linc(olniam).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 32ᵛ, Reg. Superantiq. 50, Registrum, 25; and *inspex.* in A 1/3/5 and A 1/3/9; and P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4, and 7–8 Ric. II, m. 13.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 89; *C.C.R.* iv. 140 and v. 294.
Date: While Eustace the king's son was alive and styled count. The final clause suggests a solemn court at Lincoln, possibly Christmas 1146.

488. Lincoln Cath. and See (Dec. 1148–1154, at St. Albans)

Bishop Robert to hold his lands etc. as freely as his predecessors

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et prepositis et civibus suis Linc(olnie) salutem. Precipio quod Rob(ertus) episcopus Linc(olniensis) teneat omnes terras et teneuras suas infra civitatem Linc(olnie) et extra ita [bene et] quiete et in pace et honorifice sicut predecessores sui episcopi Linc(olnienses) eas melius et liberius tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis avunculi mei, ne super hoc aliquis eas infestet ullo modo. Et idem episcopus omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines suas ita bene et plenarie habeat sicut predecessores sui eas melius habuerunt. Teste Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud S(an)c(tu)m Albanu(m).

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., * A1/1/6 (original, 5⅛″ × 4″, in hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 252), with stub of tongue, but no seal). A hole in the middle of lines 2 and 3 necessitates readings from Reg. Antiq., f. 33ᵛ and P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 97 (facs.); *C.C.R.* iv. 140; *E.H.R.* xxiii. 72.
Date: While Robert de Chesney was bishop.

489. Lincoln Cath. and See (Summer 1154, at Lincoln)

Grant of a die for a mint at Newark (Notts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Linc(olia) et Roberto de Caisnet(o) ejusdem ecclesie episcopo habere in perpetuum unum cuneum[1] ad operandam monetam in villa sua de Newerca. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Lincoliensis et predictus Robertus episcopus cuneum[1] illum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice habeant et successores ejusdem Roberti Lincoliensis ecclesie episcopi inperpetuum possideant. Testibus Hugone episcopo Dunelm(ensi), et Roberto de Gant cancellario, et Baldrico de Sigill(o), et Ricardo de Luci, et Ricardo de Canvill(a). Apud Linc(oliam).

[1] *MS.* cuncum

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 33, Reg. Superantiq. 54.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 93.
Date: Hugh de Puiset cons. Bishop of Durham 20 Dec. 1153. Stephen must have visited Lincoln when he was in the north (for York and Drax) about harvest-time in 1154. Cf. witnesses of **490**.

490. Lincoln Cath. and See (Summer 1154, at Drax)

Grant to Bishop Robert of the king's justice of Lincoln and Lincs. as his predecessors had it

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum comitibus baronibus abbatibus vicecomitibus ministris et civibus Linc(olnie) et omnibus fidelibus suis Linc(olnie) et Linc(olne)scira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Roberto episcopo Linc(olniensi) justitiam meam de Linc(olnia) et de Linc(olne)scira. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Robertus episcopus justitiam meam ita bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie habeat sicut Robertus Bloet vel Alexander episcopi Linc(olnienses) predecessores ejus illam melius habuerunt. Et precipio vobis quod per summonitionem ministrorum suorum veniatis ad placita mea tenenda et judicia mea facienda sicut melius et plenius faciebatis tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei. Et nisi

feceritis, ipse justitiet vos per catalla vestra quod faciatis. Testibus Hugone episcopo Dunelmensi, et Ricardo de Luci, et Ricardo de Canvill(a). Apud Dracas.

MSS.: Lincoln. D. and C., A 1/3/5/; P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. III, m. 4.
Printed: **Reg. Antiq.*, no. 103; *C.C.R.* iv. 139.
Date: See **489**.

491. Lincoln Cath. and See (1153, probably July–Aug., at the siege of Crowmarsh)

Duke Henry confirms the recompense which Ranulf Earl of Chester has made for the damages done to the church of Lincoln

H(enricus)[1] dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem quam Rann(ulfus) comes Cestr(ie) fecit ecclesie Linc(olnie) pro dampnis que illi fecerat, xxx videlicet libratas terre de propria sua hereditate. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus predicta Lincol(niensis) ecclesia illas xxx libratas terre in bono et in pace, quiete et libere ab omnibus exactionibus et consuetudinibus secularibus imperpetuum possideat. Ego ipse enim hujus conventionis tenende fidejussor existo, in tantum quod nisi Rann(ulfus) comes illam firmiter et inconcusse tenuerit, ego de dominio meo proprio illas xxx libratas terre predicte Lincol(niensi) ecclesie dabo. Testibus Theobald(o) Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo, Rog(er)o Cant(uarie) arch(idiacon)o, Will(elm)o comite Glo(ecestrie), Rog(er)o com(ite) Heref(ordie). Apud Craum(er)sam in obsidione.

[1] *Reg. Antiq. adds in error* rex Angl' et

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *Reg. Antiq., f. 22, Registrum, 165.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.*, no. 151; *C.C.R.* iv. 144.
Date: Siege of Crowmarsh (July–Aug. 1153); note also Henry already Duke of Aquitaine (summer 1153). Roger archdeacon of Canterbury was cons. Archbishop of York 10 Oct. 1154.

492. Lincoln Cath. and See (1153, Aug. 31, at the siege of Stamford)

Duke Henry announces detailed arrangements for Ranulf Earl of Chester's recompense to the church of Lincoln, involving the manors of Marston and Warkworth (Northants.)

*H(enricus) dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis com*itibus baronibus vic(ecomitibus) *justiciis et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod Ranulphus comes Cestrie in presentia mea et assensu meo dedit deo et Sancte Marie Lincoln(ie)* et Rob(erto) episcopo ejusdem loci pro salute animarum *patris et matris sue et aliorum predecessorum suorum et pro salute anime sue et in recompensatione dampnorum que fecerat ecclesie Sancte Marie Linc(olnie) Merstonam et Wauer*cuurt cum appendiciis suis pro xxx libratis *terre tenendas libere et quiete in perpetuam elemosinam, tali tenore quod si ville ille cum appendiciis suis xxx libras annuatim non valuerint quando episcopus eas rec*ipiet, predictus comes Rann(ulphus) de propria hereditate sua *perimplebit sine frustratoria dilatione. Ibidem remisit calumpniam suam Walterus de Wahella in presentia mea et quicquid juris habebat in maneriis predictis ulterius in eis* nichil reclamaturus, et Rannulpho *comiti* eadem maneria red*didit, et ipse comes ecclesie et episcopo illa donavit. Conventionavit etiam comes Cestrie quatinus infra terminum proximi festi Sancti Michaelis heredi Normanni de* Verdumo eadem maneria quieta *clama*re faceret et quicquid *ad ea pertinet nec aliquo tempore adversus ecclesiam Linc(olnie) vel episcopum calumpniam inde movebit. Similiter conventionavit legitime comes Ranulphus quod si heredes Willelmi Mes*chini vel alius aliquid in predictis *terris ca*lumpniarentur, ipse adq*uietaret eas et warantizaret episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et ecclesie Sancte Marie Linc(olnie), quod si non faceret comes Ranulphus vel heres suus, si post decessum comitis calumpnia ista fieret, de* propria hereditate sua omni occasione remota illas *xxx libratas terre Linc(olniensi) ecclesie et episcopo restitueret de libera elemosina inperpetuum ab ipsis tenenda et possidenda, vel ipsis calumpniatoribus in esca*mbium daret. Ego autem hanc conventionem firmam *esse volens interposui me fidejussorem hac conditione, quod si comes Ranulphus eam non teneret vel de ea exiret, de predictis libratis terre sic in liberam el*emosinam date guarantum episcopi et Linc(olnie)

ecclesie non faciens, *restituerem eas ecclesie Linc(olnie) et episcopo de dominio meo in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam possidendas et ab omni seculari consuetudine quietas. Conce*do etiam quod ille xxx librate quas Rannulphus com*es dabit ecclesie Linc(olnie) sint quiete ab omni exactione et secularibus consuetudinibus. Facta fuit hec conventio quadam die Lune in vigilia Sancti Egidii in ob*sidione Stanford(ie). Testibus Ric(ardo) de Hulmez, Walt(er)o *Hereford(ie), Waltero Wahelle, constabulariis; Hugone Waac, Gervasio Paganell', Walchelino Maminot, Roberto Dunestanvill(a), Warino et Hen*ric(o) filiis Gerold(i), Will(elm)o de Colevill(a), Simon(e) fil(io) Wil*lelmi, Jocelino de Bailoll', Gossumo castellano de Fines, Roberto filio Walteri, Pagano de Cheverci, Ricardo pincerna, Osber*to *Malebissa, Hugone H*ameslap' cl(er)ico. Apud Stanford(iam) in obsidione.

MSS.: Lincoln D. and C., *A 1/1/40 (central portion of the original, 4½″ from top to bottom, written in the same hand as 306 (ex inf. T.A.M.B.) with fold and slits but no tag or seal). Missing portions supplied (in italics) from *Registrum, 166.
Printed: *Reg. Antiq.* i, no. 150, and ii, pl. xvi (facs.).
Date: 31 Aug. was a Monday in 1153. Cf. **81**.
Ranulf Earl of Chester had been given the fief of Norman of Verdun by Duke Henry at Devizes, earlier in 1153. See **180**.

493. Lincoln, William Earl of (1139, at Oxford)

Grant of the house of Walter de Amundeville and lands in Kingerby, Osgodby, and Owersby (Lincs.) to William d'Aubigny Earl of Lincoln

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse hereditarie Will(elm)o com(iti) Linc(olnie) domum Walt(er)i de Amundivilla de Chinierbi et quicquid ad eam pertinet in Chinierbi et in Osgotebi et in Ouresbi et in omnibus aliis locis ita quod, quamdiu habebo episcopatum Linc(olnie) in manu mea, ipse comes eam bene et in pace ea(m) (*sic*) tenebit, vel si evenerit quod A(lexander) episcopus mecum pacem fecerit, vel alius episcopus Linc(olnie) substitutus fuerit, escambium inde dabo ad valens de dominio meo Linc(olnie) ecclesie. Et ipse comes predictus tenebit domum de Chinierbi, cum terris predictis, bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut feodum suum et hereditarie de me et de heredibus meis. Testibus Ric(ardo) fil(io) Ursi, et Ing[elranno de Sai?]. [Apud] Oxeneford(iam).

MS.: P.R.O.* D.L. 10/15 (original, 5 $\frac{9}{10}$ × 3½″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 420), with Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue). The bottom right-hand corner of the charter is damaged.
Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 23.
Date: While Bishop Alexander was in disgrace and while Stephen was in possession of Oxford. The latter consideration eliminates 1141 and most of 1142, so the most likely date would be soon after Bishop Alexander's arrest (24 June 1139). The temporalities of the see seem to have been restored by Sept. 1139.

494. Lincoln, William Earl of (probably 1146, at Stamford)

Grant of the manor of Kirton in Lindsey, the castle of Gainsborough (Lincs.), and the bridge over the Trent to William (de Roumare) Earl of Lincoln

Stephanus rex Angl(orum)[1] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi comiti Lincoln(ie) Willelmo hereditarie sibi et heredibus suis manerium meum de Chirchetona cum omnibus ei pertinentibus sicut illud melius tenui dum in mea manu fuit, excepta terra canonicorum Lincoln(iensium) et exceptis centum solidatis terre in Graingeham quas comes Rann(ulphus) tenet de me et heredibus meis, ad tenend(um) cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus eidem manerio pertinentibus. Et preter hoc concedo ei castrum suum de Geinesburg(o) et pontem suum ultra Trentam libere et quiete tenend(a) cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus aliquis comes Anglie melius et liberius tenet castella sua. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod comes Willelmus Lincoln(ie) hec omnia predicta bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat.

[1] *D. of L. and Add. MS.* Anglie; *Harley MS.* Angl'

T(estibus) comite Rann(ulpho), et comite Gis(leber)t(o) de Penbroc, et comite Gis(leber)t(o) de Hertf(ord), et comite Sim(one), et comite R(ogero) de Warwic, et comite R(oberto) de Ferr(ariis), et W(illelmo) Mart(el),[1] et Bald(ewino) filio Gis(leber)t(i), et[2] W.[2] filio[2] Gis(leber)t(i),[2] et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et Ric(ardo) filio Ursi, et E(ustachio) filio Joh(annis), et Rad(ulpho) de Haia, et Hug(one) Wac(a), et W(illelmo) de Colevill(a). Apud Stanf(ordam).

[1] *Add. MS. and Harley MS.* Martin [2] *Add. MS. and Harley MS. omit*

MSS.: P.R.O. *D.L./42/2 (Gt. Coucher of Duchy of Lancaster), f. 445; B.M. Harley MS. 5019, f. 202v (copied from the original by Richard St. George, *c.* 1604 with drawing showing Stephen's second seal on a tag); also Add. MS. 5485, f. 86; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 102, f. 98 (transcript by John Guillin (*c.* 1605–14) also with drawing of Stephen's second seal).

Date: Round's suggestion of 1142 (*G. de M.* 159) is almost certainly wrong. See *E.H.R.* lxxv (1960), 656–7. Stephen's second seal gives a date after June 1139, and Gilbert E. Pembroke d. 1148. Within these limits, Earl Ranulf was supporting Stephen only in 1139–40 and 1146. The presence of Eustace fitz John who was with the Scots at the battle of the Standard (1138) but later became constable of Chester suggests 1146 as the more likely alternative. The land of the canons of Lincoln in Kirton is puzzling; cf. **473**. By 1155 it had reverted to the crown (*Pipe Roll 2 Hen. II*, p. 24).

495. Lire Abbey (Oct. 1154, at Lire in the forest of Conches (Eure))

Duke Henry grants quittance from all dues for their goods

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et [omnibus][1] fidelibus suis Angl(ie) et Norm(annie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse abbati de Lira et monachis ibidem deo servientibus[2] quietantiam omnium rerum suarum propriarum per totam terram meam in[3] dominiis[3] meis.[3] Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod nullus eos vel homines suos alicubi in dominiis meis disturbet propter aliquam consuetudinem quam dare debeant de rebus propriis abbatie de Lira. Volo enim quod inde quieti sint ubique in dominiis meis et[3] in terra et in mari et in portu et in aliis locis. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de Novoburgo, Rob(erto) de Dunsta(n)villa, Jocel(ino) de Baill(olio), Rad(ulfo) de Toeneio, Henr(ico) de Novoburgo, Hug(one) de Piris, Hug(one) de Hamoslap(e). Ap(ud) Lerru [in foresta Conchiarum][4].

[1] omnibus *in B only* [2] *B* famulantibus [3] *B omits* [4] in foresta Conchiarum *in B only*

MSS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *H. 438 (2 originals, both in the hand of *scriptor* xxiv (T.A.M.B., S. 20 and S. 19). Of the two, A. (S. 20), 9″×3½″, has a fold and gold-coloured cord but no seal; B. (S. 19), 9″×4⅛″, a large fold but no cords or tag.)

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 70*; *C.D.F.*, no. 403 (calendared).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in W. Normandy. Presumably two copies of this writ were purchased so that they could be carried round with the abbey's goods.

496. Lire Abbey (Oct. 1154, at Lire)

Duke Henry's general confirmation

Hen(ricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aq(uitanorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) .... Testibus Roberto de Novoburgo, Henrico fratre ipsius et Henrico filio ejus, et Radulfo de Toenio, et Roberto de Dunestanvilla, et Joscelino de Ballolio, et Hunfrido et Hugone de Pirariis, et Hugone de Haumeslapai, et Roberto de Turnulle. Apud Lerru.

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, Lire ch. 1, art. 1, layette 2, no. xlvi *bis* (*vidimus* of 1422).

Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. 71*.

Date: Place and witnesses suggest the same occasion as **495**.

497. Llanthony Priory (*c.* May–June 1141, at St. Albans)

The empress grants Gt. Barrington (Glos.), partly in alms and partly for rent

M(athildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et in perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Audoeni et canonicis regularibus de Glouc(estria) iiij libratas terre de illis viii libratis quas habebam in manerio de Bernitona; et alteras iiij libratas ejusdem manerii retineo in meo dominio; sed eas ipsis concedo ad tenendum de me in capite

per iiij libr(as) reddendo (*sic*) inde mihi singulis annis de firma. Et hanc donationem eis feci concessu Willelmi de Bochelanda qui prius eam tenuerat in feodi firma. Quare volo firmiterque precipio quod eadem ecclesia et canonici teneant bene et in pace cum omnibus rebus ad tenuram illam pertinentibus. T(estibus) H(enrico) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et Nig(ello) episcopo de Ely, et Rob(erto) episcopo Heref(ordensi), et Myl(one) Gloec-(estriensi), et Brient(io) filio Comitis. Apud Sanctum Albanu(m).

MS.: P.R.O. *C. 115/A 1 (cartulary), section vi, no. iii.
Date: There was only this one occasion when the empress was at St. Albans.

498. Llanthony Priory (21–27 Sept. 1141, apparently at Bristol)

The empress attests the Earl of Hereford's charter granting Hempstead (Glos.)

Mylo Comes H(er)eford(ie) omnibus amicis suis et fidelibus sancte ecclesie salutem. Notum esse volo omnibus tam vobis presentibus quam p(ro)futuris et presentis scripti testimonio confirmo, quod ego anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°XLI°,[1] mense Septembrio, mensis ejusdem ebd(omada) iiij[a], dedi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie genetricis dei semper virginis et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus in-perpetuam elemosinam villam de Heyh(a)mstude cum omnibus ei pertinentibus in bosco in plano in pascuis[2] in pratis in aquis in piscariis solam et quietam et liberam ab omnimodo servitio omnique consuetudine sicut unquam pater meus eam melius et liberius et honorabilius habuit et tenuit in vita sua et ego post eum. Hanc donationem feci pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum atque filiorum concessu Rogeri primogeniti filii mei et Walteri aliorumque filiorum meorum et Sibille uxoris mee. Teste Math(ilde) imperatrice, et Rothb(erto) comite Glouc(estrie), et Brieno filio Comitis, Rothberto filio Martini, Drogone dapifero meo, et Rothberto Corbet, Willelmo de Bercale[3], Alano filio Magni, Hugone de Hesela, Turstano filio Symonis, Willelmo Brit(one), Rog(ero) parvo, Rogero filio Radulfi, Radulfo Avenel, Waltero de Briustella, Ernulfo filio Radulfi, Rothberto filio Hugonis, Rogero de Tocha(m), Herberto capellano.

[1] *A1 and A9* mcli *wrongly* [2] *A1* pascatuis [3] *A1 and A9 end here with* et alii

MSS.: P.R.O. *C. 115/A 4, f. 15, C. 115/A 9, f. xxiii, C. 115/A 1, section i, no. 4.
Printed: Walker, *Earldom of Hereford Charters*, no. 3.
Date: As stated in text, though the Earl of Gloucester was in fact in captivity from 14 Sept. till 3 Nov. 1141. The place-date is supplied from the narrative in Earl Miles's foundation charter (*Monast.* vi. 136).

499. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–9, at Westminster)

Confirmation of liberties

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo London(iensi) et vicecomiti et prepositis et ministris et omnibus baronibus suis Francis et Anglicis Londonie salutem. Precipio ut hoc quod canonici Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) tenent de elemosina mea et donatione Matildis regine uxoris Henrici regis infra Lond(oniam) et extra omnino sit in pace et quietum de omnibus geldis et scotis et auxiliis et consuetudinibus et querelis sicut umquam melius fuit in aliquo tempore. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et honorifice et libere teneant ubicumque et de quocumque teneant cum saca et soca et toll et team et infangenetheof et omnibus consuetudinibus suis sicut rex Henricus per cartam suam canonicis predicte ecclesie concessit et confirmavit. Et super hoc prohibeo super forisfactum meum ne aliquis sit ausus hominibus suis vel aliis rebus ad ecclesiam Sancte Trinitatis pertinentibus ullo modo injuriam vel contumeliam facere. Et homines illius ecclesie non placitent nisi ubi placitare debent, scilicet in curia predicte ecclesie, quia nolo quod jus suum in aliquo decidat tempore meo vel descrescat. T(estibus) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et Will(elmo) de Pont(e) Arc(harum). Apud Westmon(asterium).

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 42/309 (pretended original, 8½″ × 4⅓″, in hand of an Aldgate scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 492), with fold and impression of Stephen's genuine first sealin white wax on a tag). Copies in P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ric. II, m. 3; and Glasgow Univ. Lib., Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 179ᵛ.

Printed: Facs. Nat. MSS., i, no. viii (facs.); *Foedera*, i. 17; *Monast.* vi. 157; *C.C.R.* v. 267.
Date: Wm. Pont de l'Arche had joined the empress by 1143 (GS. 100). Henry Bishop of Winchester was papal legate 29 Aug. 1139–43. Hence the date must be Dec. 1135–Aug. 1139.

500. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–6, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the pension of £25 from the revenues of Exeter

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) W(illelmo) Exon(iensi) episcopo et Ric(ardo) filio Bald(wini) vic(ecomiti) et prepositis Exon(ie) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Devenescire et omnibus burgensibus et ministris suis Exon(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lund(onie) et canonicis ibidem deo famulantibus pro anima Mathild(is) regine conjugis [H. regis] xxv li(bras) ad scalam [per annum] de redditu ipsius regine in Exonia, quas predicta regina [Mathildis] eis dedit in vita sua. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod v[icecomes qui]cumque sit vel [fuerit] in Exonia eas reddat ipsis canonicis singulis annis sicut unquam melius et plenius reddite fuerant, et eisdem terminis quibus reddere solebant. Teste episcopo Wint(oniensi). Apud West(monasterium).

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Ch. xvi. 34 (original, $5\frac{2}{3}'' \times 3\frac{3}{8}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xvi (T.A.M.B., no. 358), damaged by fire, and with tongue and seal missing). Copy in B.M. Lansdowne MS. 114, f. 57.
Date: Richard fitz Baldwin (de Clare) d. 1136 (R. Torigni, 131). Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1493 for an almost identical charter of Henry I, the only differences being the sheriff's name and the description of Queen Matilda as *conjugis mei*.

501. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1147–52, at London)

Confirming the gift by William of Ypres of 100s. from the farm of Queenhithe

Steph(anu)s rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Willelmus de Ypra fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus de c s(olidis) firme sue de Edr(e)dshetha quam ei dedi et concessi in feod(o) et hereditat(e). Et volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta et canonici hos prefatos c s(olidos) teneant et habeant imperpetuum, bene et in pace et libere sicut Willelmus de Ypra illos eis in elemosinam dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Test(ibus) Matild(e) regina et E(ustachio) comite filio meo, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Lucy. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 173.
Printed: *Ducarel, 'History and Antiquities of the Hospital of St. Katharine near the Tower', in *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, ii (J. Nichols, London 1790), App. xviii, no. 6.
Date: After Eustace was an earl and before the death of the queen. William of Ypres's gift was confirmed by Archbishop Theobald 1150–2 (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 163).

502. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1136–54, at Northampton)

The canons to hold Queenhithe as freely as Henry I's queen held it

Steph(anu)s rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et civibus Lond(onie) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) teneant Edr(e)deshetha(m) ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et juste sicut Matildis regina uxor regis Henrici avunculi mei eam melius et liberius tenuit, et sicut eam ill(is) confirmavi per cartam meam. Test(e) Rog(er)o de Fraxinet(o). Apud Norhamt(onam).

MS.: Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 173.
Printed: *Ducarel, op. cit., App. xviii, no. 7.

503. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1147–52, at Castle Hedingham)

The queen grants custody of the hospital by the Tower of London etc.

M(athildis) dei gratia regina Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et toti clero et omnibus fidelibus Sancte Ecclesie salutem. Sciatis me tradidisse hospitale meum juxta turrim Lund(onie) concessu domini mei regis Stephani ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) et priori

et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in custodiam perpetuam, et volo ut illud ponant ubi opportunius eis visum fuerit. Concessi etiam ad ipsum hospitale manutenendum molendinum juxta turrim Lond(onie) et totam terram ad ipsum molendinum pertinentem. Et predicta ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis tenebit in ipso hospitali in perpetuum xiii pauperes pro salute anime domini mei regis Stephani et mee, necnon et pro salute filiorum nostrorum Eustach(ii) et Will(elm)i et omnium nostrorum. Concessi etiam eidem hospitali in custodia predicte ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis xx libras singulis annis de Edredeshytha in perpetuam elemosinam, domino meo rege Stephano idipsum annuente. Testibus Henr(ico) de Essexe constab(ulario) regis, Ric(ardo) de Chamvill(a), Warner(o) de Lusor(iis), A. . . . cancellario, Thoma capell(ano), Ric(ardo) de Monte Acuto. Apud Haingeham.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton Charter xvi. 35 (original, $6\frac{3}{8}'' \times 5\frac{5}{8}''$, with fold and slit for tag and seal (both missing), much damaged by fire). Copies in Northants. Rec. Office, Finch-Hatton MS. 170, f. 89^{v} (facs. of *c.* 1640); Glasgow Univ. Lib., Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 172^{v}.

Printed: C. Jamison, *History of the Royal Hosp. of St. Kath. by the Tower of London* (London, 1952), frontispiece (facs.); *Book of Seals*, no. 424; Ducarel, op. cit., App. xviii, no. 4.

Date: After the queen had acquired the site for her hospital (**511–12**) and before her death, possibly (as suggested in *Book of Seals*, p. 496) on her deathbed, 3 May 1152. Archbishop Theobald confirmed the charter *c.* 1150–2 (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 162).

504. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1147–52, at Castle Hedingham)

Confirmation of the queen's grant of the hospital by the Tower of London etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(e-comiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Lond(onia) et priori et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus in custodiam perpetuam hospitale Mathild(is) regine uxoris mee juxta turrim Lond(onie) quod ipsa eis concessit coram me. Quare volo et precipio quod canonici illi hospitale illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete in perpetuum teneant et custodiant, cum molendino juxta turrim Lond(onie) et tota terra eidem molendino pertinente, et cum xx libris singulis annis de redditu de Edredesheda, sicut eadem regina illis concessit et carta sua confirmavit, ita quod transponant illud ubi oportunius sisti potuerit. Testibus Com(ite) Eust(achio) filio r(egis), et Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et War-n(ero) de Lusoriis. Apud Haingeha(m).

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/14897 (original, $7\frac{3}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 477), with fold and tag but no seal). Copy in Glasgow Univ. Lib., Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 172^{v}.

Printed: Ducarel, op. cit., App. xviii, no. 3.

Date: After Eustace became Count of Boulogne (Christmas 1146 or early 1147); after **511–12** (i.e. after Aug. 1147), and before the death of the queen (3 May 1152). Presumably same date exactly as **503**.

505. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–52, at Bermondsey)

The canons to hold the lands of the English Cnihtengild as in previous reigns

Stephanus rex Anglorum vic(ecomiti) et baronibus Lond(onie) salutem. Precipio quod prior et canonici Sancte Trinitatis London(ie) teneant homines suos et terram suam de Anglica Cnithtengelda ita bene et in pace et juste et quiete et honorifice sicut antecessores eorum tenuerunt melius et liberius tempore Willelmi regis avi mei et Willelmi et Henrici regum avunculorum meorum et meo et tempore Liovestani et ipsi postea hucusque melius. Et super hoc quieti sint de warda et forisfactura ejus, sicut mea propria elemosina quia juste debent inde esse quieti, et sicut tam ipsi quam antecessores sui[1] semper hucusque inde quieti fuerunt et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Testibus M(atilde) regina, et W(arnero) de Lusor(iis). Apud Bermundesiam.

[1] *Chart. R.* eorum

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ric. II, m. 3; Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 182; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson B. 461, f. 51.

Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 267; *Monast.* vi. 185 (trans.).

506. London, Holy Trinity Priory (Christmas 1136–Mar. 1137, at Westminster)

Record of a plea coram rege *between the prior and the castellan of the Tower of London*

Othwer(us) quondam regie turris custos, vim inferens Normanno priori et canonicis ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie), de quorum jure transivit soka appellata Englyschknycte(n)gyld(a) in possessionem ipsius ecclesie, magnam partem ejusdem soce eis abstulit. Aschuill(us) etiam succ(essor) Oth(er)i in turris custodia eandem partem vi tenuit, nec aliquatenus dimittere voluit. Tunc prior N(ormannus) adito r(ege) H(enrico) petiit ut sibi inde justicia[m] teneret, quod concessit rex et per breve suum jussit. Sed, predicto Asch(uillo) impediente, rursus dilata est usque ad obitum regis Henrici.

Secundo autem anno regni Stephani regis, quadam vice cum esset rex Westmon(asterii), adiit prefatus prior, assistentibus et auxiliantibus sibi regina Matilde ipsius regis conjuge, Algaro episcopo Co(n)sta(n)cie, Rog(er)o tunc cancellar(io), Ar(n)ulfo archid(iacono) Sagiens(i), Will(elm)o Martel dapifero, Rob(erto) de Curcy, Albric(o) de Ver, Gaufrid(o) de Magnavilla, Hug(one) le Bigot, Ada(m) de Balnai, Andr(ea) Buchui(n)te, pluribusque aliis burgensibus Lond(onie), adiit eum et diligenter ostendit qua vi vel injuria pars illa a reliqua fuerit (*sic*) separata. Advocat(o) etiam Aschuillo coram rege, quesitum est ab eo, quo jure partem illam tenuisset et quid super eam clamasset. Ipse vero respondit se nil super ea clamare, sed sic inquit 'Tenui'. Tunc rex viva voce Andr(ee) justiciar(io) suo ceterisque burgensibus qui ibi aderant precepit, ipsis etiam ceterisque per breve suum mandavit, quatinus certum diem priori constituerent in quo super eandem terram convenientes rem rationabiliter examinarent, examinata autem sic permaneret quemadmodum fuerat in tempore regis Sancti Edwardi. Quod si prior potuisset ostendere partem illam esse de predicto jure ecclesie, sine dilatione seisiaretur. Quod ita factum est. Statuto die super eandem terram convenerunt ex una parte prior cum coadjutoribus suis, ex alia parte Andr(eas) Buchui(n)te et plures alii majores et meliores Lond(onie). Ratione igitur deducta a tempore Sancti Edwardi regis usque ad illum diem quo hoc fiebat inventum est ac ostensum illam partem ad reliquam pertinere, et totam similiter de predicto jure. Quod etiam ibidem probatum est multis testibus et sacramento xxi hominum quorum hec sunt nomina: Orgar(us) monachus cognomento le prude, Ailwin(us) filius Radumf(i), Estmund, Alfricus Cheich, Brictred(us) cuherd, Wulfred(us), Semar, Batun, Alsi(us), Berman, Wlpsi faber, Alfwin(us) Hallen, Levesune faber, Wlwin(us) Abbot, Ailwin(us) clericus, Algarus frater Gerald(i), Wlfric(us) carnifex, Elfret Cugel, Wlfric(us), Edric(us) Modlievesune, Godwin(us) Balle. Et multi alii parati fuerunt jurare, sed isti judicati sunt sufficere. Hoc itaque modo, hacque ratione et justicia, tota illa terra et soca adjudicatum est predicte ecclesie. Quam Stephanus rex confirmat prefate ecclesie ut patet per cartam sequentem.[1]

[1] *The reference in the cartulary is to* **507**, *but this is clearly an error of the compiler's since it refers only to land at Smithfield.*

MSS.: Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 171; London, Guildhall, MS. 122, vol. iv, f. 737 (from the Glasgow MS.).

Printed: Round, *Commune of London*, 99, from Guildhall MS. (incomplete).

Date: The text states 2 Stephen. The presence of Algar Bishop of Coutances suggests that it was before Stephen set out for Normandy in mid Mar. A further (and different) list of those present in 1137 is given in the Glasgow MS., f. 171v, printed in Round, op. cit. 101.

507. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1140–6, at London)

Restoration of their land in Smithfield which Earl Geoffrey had seized

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lond(onie) salutem. Sciatis quia reddidi et concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus, pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea et Mathild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustac(ii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum in perpetuum terram suam de Smethefelda quam comes Gaufrid(us) preoccupauerat ad vineam suam faciendam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et

habeant terram predictam, sicut melius et liberius et quietius tenent alias terras suas, et sicut rex Henricus illam eis concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus M(athilde) regina, et Thoma capell(ano), et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/6683 (original, $6\frac{2}{8}'' \times 4\frac{2}{8}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 456), with tongue and wrapper but no seal). Copies in Chart. R. 3 Ric. II, m. 3, Glasgow Univ. Lib., Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, ff. 171ᵛ and 182, and London, Guildhall, Letter Book C., f. 135b.

Printed: Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 28, and *Commune of London*, p. 100; Sharpe, *Cal. of Letter Bks.*, *Letter Bk. C.*, p. 221; *C.C.R.* v. 267; *Monast.* vi. 158 (trans.).

Date: Before Eustace was count (late 1146) and after Geoffrey de Mandeville cr. Earl of Essex (*c.* 1140). Round thought it later than the fall of Geoffrey de Mandeville (1143) which is likely but not absolutely necessary.

508. London, Holy Triniy Priory (1139–46, at London)

Grant of one hundred shillings' worth of land in Braughing (Herts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et canonicis de Sancta Trinitate Lond(onie) pro animabus Mathild(is) filie mee et Bald(wini) filii mei c solidatas terre in Braching(a). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis et canonici predicti teneant et in perpetuum possideant illas c solidatas terre bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice, cum omnibus rebus eisdem pertinentibus, et cum saca et socna et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus ego et Mathild(is) regina, uxor mea, melius et liberius tenuimus dum in manu nostra fuit. Testibus M(athilde) regina mea, et E(ustachio) filio meo, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a), et Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/1051 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{3}{16}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 445), with tongue but no seal).

Date: William of Ypres was in Normandy till 1139; Eustace the king's son was styled count (of Boulogne) from Christmas 1146 or early 1147.

509. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1139–46)

The queen confirms Hubert the chamberlain's gift at Braughing (Herts.)

M(athildis) dei gratia regina Angl(orum) episcopo Lund(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Hubertus camerarius meus fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lund(onie) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus de iiii libratis terre in manerio de Braching(a) de illis xvi librat[is][1] terre scilicet quas rex dedit eidem Huberto in escambium pro terra sua de Benedis. Et si contigerit quod rex alibi det ei escambium de predictis xvi libratis terre, in eodem escambio habeant canonici prefati suas iiii libratas terre. T(estibus) Eustachio filio regis, et Willelmo de Ipra, et Ricardo de Luci.

[1] *MS.* librato

MS.: Northants. Rec. Office, Finch-Hatton MS. 170, f. 87ᵛ.

Printed: **Book of Seals*, no. 426.

Date: As for **508**. Braughing and Bendish belonged to the queen's honour of Boulogne.

510. London, Holy Trinity Priory (probably 1139–46)

Confirmation of a gift of Hubert the queen's chamberlain

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Hertfordscire salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et con[firmo] illam don[ationem quam] Hub(er)tus camerarius regine fecit ecclesie Sancte Tri[nitatis Londonie et canonicis regularibus] ibidem deo servientibus. . . .

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/1042 (fragment of original, $6\frac{7}{10}'' \times$ (now) $2\frac{1}{2}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 444); all lower part missing).

Date: As for **508–9**.

511. London, Holy Trinity Priory (Aug. 1147–Apr. 1148, at London)

Confirming gifts of land in Braughing (Herts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordschire[1] salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lond(onie) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus c solidatas terre in manerio meo de Brackyng in perpetuam elemosinam pro requie animarum scilicet Bald(wini) filii mei et Matildis filie mee qui in eadem ecclesia sepulti requiescunt. Preterea concessi et dedi eidem ecclesie et canonicis vi libratas terre in eodem manerio de Brack(yng) pro escambio molendini sui et illius partis terre sue quam concesserunt Matildi regine uxori mee juxta turrim Lond(onie) ubi ipsa fecit hospitale pauperum. Illas dico vi libratas terre illis concessi quas retinueram in dominio meo postquam partitus fui ceteras partes illius manerii, hoc est partem illam in qua fundata est ecclesia et ad quam etiam forum pertinet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et canonici hanc predictam terram teneant et imperpetuum possideant bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete ab omni seculari exactione sicut elemosinam meam dominicam, cum saca et soca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus suis cum quibus tenent alias possessiones suas. Testibus Teobald(o) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), Rob(er)to episcopo Lond(oniensi), Rob(er)to episcopo Hereford(ensi), Rob(er)to episcopo Exon(iensi), Illar(io) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), et Will(elm)o episcopo Norwic(ensi), et M(atilde) regina, et Comite E(ustachio) filio meo, et Will(elmo) de Ypra, et Rob(er)to de Ver, et Willelmo Mart(el), et Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ricardo de Luci,[2] et Warnerio de Luser(is). Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *Cart. Antiq.* Herefordschire

[2] *Hunter MS. f. 172ᵛ ends here, but Cart. Antiq. and Hunter, f. 181ᵛ continue*

MSS.: Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, ff. 172ᵛ and 181ᵛ; P.R.O. Cart. Antiq. roll 13, m. 3, and Chart. R. 3 Ric. II, m. 3; London, Guildhall, Letter Bk. C., f. 135ᵛ.

Printed: *Pipe Roll Soc.* lxxi. 69; *C.C.R.* v. 266; *Monast.* vi. 158 (trans.); Sharpe, *Cal. of Letter Bks., Letter Bk. C.*, 222; Ducarel, op. cit., App. xviii, no. 1.

Date: Hilary Bishop of Chichester cons. 3 Aug. 1147; Robert Bishop of Hereford d. 16 Apr. 1148. Confirmed on same occasion by the queen and young Eustace (**512**).

512. London, Holy Trinity Priory (Aug. 1147–Apr. 1148, at London)

The queen confirms her gifts of land in Braughing (Herts.)

M(atildis) dei gratia Anglorum regina episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordscir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donum regis Stephani et confirmasse quod fecit ecclesie Christi Lond(onie) et Rad(ulfo) priori et canonicis in ea deo servientibus de c solidatis terre in manerio de Bracching(e) in perpetuam elemosinam pro requie animarum scilicet Baldewi(ni) filii mei et Matild(is) filie mee qui in eadem ecclesia sepulti requiescunt. Preterea confirmo et concedo eidem ecclesie et predictis canonicis vi libratas terre in eodem manerio de Bracching(e) pro escambio molendini sui et illius partis terre sue quam concesserunt mihi juxta turrim Lond(onie) ubi feci hospitale pauperum. Illas videlicet vi libratas terre illis concessi quas rex retinuerat in dominio suo postquam partitus fuit ceteras partes illius manerii, hoc est partem illam in qua fundata est ecclesia et ad quam etiam forum pertinet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prior prefate ecclesie et canonici hanc predictam terram teneant et imperpetuum possideant bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete ab omni seculari exactione sicut elemosinam regis et meam. Testibus Teobaldo archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), et Rob(er)to episcopo Lond(oniensi)[1]. et Roberto episcopo He(re)f(ordensi), et Roberto episcopo Exon(iensi), Ilario episcopo Cicestr(ensi), et Willelmo episcopo Norwic(ensi), Comite Eustachio filio regis, Willelmo de Ypra, Roberto de Ver, Willelmo Mart(el), Henrico de Essexa, Ric(ardo) de Luci, Warn(er)io de Luisor (*sic*). Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *Glasgow MS. stops here with* et eisdem qui supra in carta regis [**511**]. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Cart. Antiq. roll 13, m. 3; Glasgow Univ. Lib., Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 172ᵛ.

Printed: *Pipe Roll Soc.* lxxi. 70; *Monast.* vi. 153 (abridged); Ducarel, op. cit., App. ii.

Date: As for **511**. An identical charter was issued at the same place with the same witnesses (excepting only himself) by Eustace Count of Boulogne, the king's son, printed in *Pipe Roll Soc.* lxxi. 70.

513. London, Holy Trinity Priory (Aug. 1147–Apr. 1148, at London)

Granting the church at Braughing (Herts.)

M(atildis) dei gratia regina Angl(orum) Roberto episcopo London(iensi) et universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Noveritis me karitatis intuitu dedisse et concessisse pro salute regis S(tephani) domini mei et pro salute mea deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis London(ie) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de Brackyng cum pertinentiis suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti canonici habeant et possideant inperpetuum eandem ecclesiam cum pertinentiis suis in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam. His testibus Theobaldo Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo, Roberto Hereford(ensi) episcopo, Ilario Cicestrensi episcopo, Ricardo de Luci, Warner(o) de Lusor(is). Apud London(iam).

M.S.: B.M. *Cotton Roll xiii. 18 (15th-cent. copy).
Date: As for **511–12**.

514. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1147–54, at Bermondsey)

Protecting all those who go to the market at Braughing (Herts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus [suis] Francis et Anglis de Hertfordscira salutem. Precipio quod omnes illi qui venerint[1] ad forum canonicorum Sancte Trinitatis Londonie de Bracching ibidem commorantes et inde redeuntes meam firmam pacem habeant. Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc disturbet eos vel res suas injuste super x libras forisfacture. Teste W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Bermundesiam.

[1] *MS.* venerunt

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ric. 11, m. 3; Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter MS. U. 2. 6, f. 182v; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 461, f. 51.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 267; *Monast.* vi. 158 (trans.).
Date: Later than **511**, in which the market was granted.

515. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1136–54, at St. Albans)

Confirmation of the land of Barksdon given by Gervase of Cornhill and Richard son of Hubert

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Hertfordscira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Lond(onia) et canonicis ejusdem ecclesie inperpetuum terram illam de Berchedena quam Gervas(ius) de Cornhell(e) et Ric(ardus) filius Hub(er)ti eis concesserunt et dederunt. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et canonici predictam terram bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut Gervasius et Ricardus illam eis concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. Testibus Warner(o) de Lusor(iis), et Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud S(an)c(tu)m Alban(um).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/2021 (original, $6\frac{3}{10}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 446); tongue torn; seal missing).
Date: The scribe, who also wrote **504** and **519**, rather suggests a date after 1146. So do the witnesses. But this is not certain.

516. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–54, at Westminster)

Grant of the land of Clayhurst in Beckenham (Kent)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) R . . . Malismanis et hominibus de Becham salutem. Sciatis me concessisse canonicis Sancte Trinitatis de Lund(onia) terram de Claiherst per (*sic*) xij d(enarios) per annum. Et volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice illam teneant, ne ulla injuria eis inde fiat. T(este) Hub(er)to camer(ario). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/14890 (original, $7\frac{1}{10}'' \times 1\frac{3}{8}''$, written by an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 476); with tongue and wrapper, but no seal).

517. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1135–54, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the land at Clayhurst and Estmund's land

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis de Becham salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum antecessorum meorum, ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis London(ie) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus terram suam de Claherst per v s(olidos) reddendo (*sic*) inde per annum. Et terram que fuit Estmund per viii solidos et vi denarios reddend[os] per annum. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsi teneant eam bene et in pace, et libere et honorifice eam teneant (*sic*) in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et omnibus aliis rebus, ita ne ulla eis injuria vel contumelia fiat. Teste Hub(erto) cam(er)ario. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/6987 (original, 6⅛″ × 2⅛″, in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 461), with tongue and seal both missing).

518. London, Holy Trinity Priory (probably 1141)

The empress confirms the gift of land in Beckenham (Kent) from Picot empastorator, *and also those in* **517**

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina baronibus justiciar(io) vicecomiti et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Kent salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Christi Lund(onie) et canonicis deo ibidem servientibus in elemosinam in perpetuum, pro animabus patris et matris mee et pro salute anime mee, terram quam Picotus empastorat(or) eis dedit in villa de Bekaham, et vii solidatas terre quas Picot(us) emit de hominibus ejusdem ville, et viij solidatas terre Æstmundi, et terram de Claiherste cum omnibus rebus, locis, consuetudinibus et libertatibus ad easdem terras pertinentibus liberas et quietas ab omnibus rebus excepto servitio dei. Preterea concedo eis pasturam decem bou(m) inter meos boves in plano et in bosco, et x porcos sine pathnagio, et super hoc prohibeo super forisfactum meum ne aliquis sit ausus hominibus vel rebus ad predictam ecclesiam pertinentibus aliquam injuriam vel contumeliam inferre, quia nolo quod ecclesia jus suum vel libertatem in aliquo tempore meo perdat. Testim(onio) Rodb(er)to com(ite) de Glo[ecestria] . . . cancel[l]ario.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/6688 (pretended original, 8⅝″ × 7″, written by a scribe of Holy Trinity itself, with tag but no seal. General appearance most suspicious). Copies in Cart. Antiq., Roll 13, m. 1, and in B.M. Harley MS. 84, f. 157ᵛ.

Printed: *Facs. Nat. MSS.*, vol. i, no. x (facs.); Round, *Ancient Charters*, no. 25; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 388; Conway Davies, *Cart. Antiq.*, *Roll* 11–20, no. 391.

Date: While the empress was *Anglorum domina* and while Robert Earl of Gloucester alive; and presumably in summer 1141, the only time when the empress had control of either London or Kent.

519. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1153–4?, at London)

Confirmation of a gift of Richard de Luci in Lessness (Kent)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Roff(ensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Chent salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse donationem quam Ric(ardus) de Luci fecit ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Lund(onie) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in elemosinam de terra que fuit Godefridi Beivin' servientis sui in Liesnes. Quare volo et precipio quod prefata ecclesia et canonici eandem terram bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ita solutam et quietam sicut carta ejusdem Ric(ardi) de Luci et carta Will(elm)i de Ipra testantur. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Fulc(one) de Ollli (*sic*), et Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis), et Gervas de Cornhell(e). Apud Lund(oniam).

MS.: B.M. *Campbell Ch. xiv. 6 (original, 7⅜″ × 3½″, with tongue and fragment of Stephen's second seal) According to T.A.M.B. (no. 330 and p. 8) 'the first three words are . . . the autograph' of *scriptor* xxii, while 'the remainder is a poor imitation of it by a second scribe'. Copy in Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. 461, f. 56.

Printed: Thorpe, *Reg. Roff.* 325.

Date: See Warner and Ellis, no. 34, who give a facs. of Richard de Lucy's own charter and suggest the date 1153–4.

520. London, Holy Trinity Priory (1140–54, at Westminster)

Confirmation of land given by Simon de Moulins and his wife at Leyton (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Londoniensi justic(ie) vicecomiti baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et priori et canonicis Sancte Trinitatis Londonie pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro salute amicorum et parentum et predecessorum meorum ii hidas terre in Leytona quas Sim(on) de Molend(inis) et Adelina uxor ejus et postea Rob(er)tus de Ver eis dederunt in elemosinam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace ipsi teneant et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et semitis cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et quietantiis que ad illas pertinent cum quibus prefatus Sim(on) et uxor ejus unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt et sicut ipsi eis eas dederunt et concesserunt. Testibus Rob(er)to canc(ellario), et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Fulc(one) de Oilli[1]. Apud Westm(onasterium)[1].

[1] *MS.* Dilli

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ric. II, m. 3; Glasgow Univ. Lib., *Hunter U. 2. 6, f. 182v; Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 461, f. 51.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 267; *Monast.* vi. 158 (trans.).

521. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–7, at Westminster)

Confirming the canons in their lands and rights

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lund(oniensi) et omnibus baronibus suis de Lund(onia) et de Essexa et de Heortfordsc(ira) et ministris et fidelibus suis omnibus tam clericis quam laicis Francis et Anglis salutem. Precipio quod canonici mei de ecclesia Sancti Martini Lundon(iensi) teneant terras et omnes alias tenuras suas in ecclesiis et decimis et elemosinis et in omnibus aliis rebus ita bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete sicut umquam melius tenuerunt in aliquo tempore in villa et extra in bosco et plano et terris et aquis et pratis et pascuis in via et semitis et in omnibus locis. Et habeant et teneant omnes libertates et consuetudines suas cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangent(heof) et omnibus rebus cum quibus antecessores eorum vel ipsi melius vel honorificentius umquam tenuerunt. T(estibus) R(ogero) episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et H(ugone) Big(ot), et W(illelmo) de Albin(i) pincerna, et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13154 (original, 8⅔″ × 5⅛″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xi (T.A.M.B., 558) with tongue and binder broken; no seal). Transcripts in: 13167 (no. cxlv) and Muniment Bk. 5, f. 16, and in B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 58, but all three lack the witnesses.
Printed: Madox, *Baronia Anglica* (1741), 231 n.; T.A.M.B., pl. viii (b) (facs.).
Date: Robert fitz Richard (de Clare), d. 1136/7 (Robt. Torigni, 131). Possibly Easter 1136.

522. London, St. Martin le Grand (probably 1135–9)

Quittance from pleas, plaints, danegeld, and murdrum

Ste(phanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo London(iensi) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essex(a) et Hertford(scira) salutem. Volo et concedo quod ecclesia Sancti Martini London(iensis) et canonici bene et in pace et honorifice teneant omnes terras et homines suos quietos de placitis et querelis et danag(eldis) et murdro et habeant soc et sac et toll et theam et infangentheof et omnes alias consuetudines et libertates suas in bosco et plano et molendinis et pratis pascuis infra burgum in civitate et extra et sicut melius et honorabilius et liberius habuerunt tempore regis Willelmi avi mei et postea melius ad diem qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 5, f. 16; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 58v.
Date: Apparently early in the reign, as there is no ref. to the 'time of Roger Bishop of Salisbury'.

523. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–54)

The canons to have their soke of Cripplegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et civibus London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Martini London(iensis) et canonici habeant socam

suam de Crepelg(ata) cum omnibus consuetudinibus et rectitudinibus suis in thelone(o) bladi et in aliis que ibi venduntur, ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et juste sicut habuerunt tempore regis Henrici melius et meo postea, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.: Westminster Abbey , *13167, no. xlix *ad finem*.

The soke of Cripplegate was outside the city walls, between the Wallbrook and the *Rivulus Fontium*; it was distinct from the soke of St. Martin le Grand proper, which was inside the wall (W. Page, *London its origin and early development* (1923), 133, 143–4).

524. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–9)

The canons to hold their land and stalls in Cripplegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Andr(ee) Bucc(uinte) vicecomiti et civibus London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod canonici de Sancto Martino teneant terram suam de Crepelgat(a) et estalla sua bene et in pace et honorifice sicut illa eis redd(id)i et concessi per cartam meam et sicut ecclesia sua melius tenuit tempore regis Willelmi et sicut carta ipsius et carta regis Henrici testantur. Et super hoc nullus eos sine judicio dissaisiat, et si minister Willelmi Martelli super hoc et super redditionem quam eis feci vi sua dissaisier(it), vos faciatis eos resaisiri et in pace tenere, ne audiam inde clamorem.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxvi.

Date: Andrew Oily-mouth was apparently succeeded by Osbert Eightpence as justice of London in 1139 (June 24/Dec. 11). See **525**, **527**, and Round, *Commune of London*, 113.

525. London, St. Martin le Grand (June–Dec. 1139, at Marlborough)

To restore to the Bishop of Salisbury any lands of St. Martin le Grand of which he has been disseised

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Andr(ee) Bucc(uinte) et vic(ecomiti) et civibus suis Lund(onie) salutem. Precipio quod R(ogerus) episcopus Sar(esberiensis) teneat ecclesiam Sancti Martini Lund(oniensis) et omnes terras eidem pertinentes in civitate et extra ita bene et honorifice sicut melius tenuit tempore regis Henrici et meo p(ost)ea. Et de quicquid (*sic*) dissaisit(us) est ipse vel ecclesia sua et canonici sui ejusdem ecclesie postquam discordia incepit inter nos resaisiantur, et nominatim de Aldredesgata unde dissaisiti sunt ipse et canonici sui pro filiis Huberti Juvenis. Et bene et in pace teneant sic(ut) tenuerunt melius die qua rex H(enricus) fuit vivus et mortuus et meo postea. Testibus R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Merleb(er)ga(m).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13477 (original, 6″×3·3″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 559), with tongue and binder but no seal). Copies in Mun. Bk. 5, f. 20, and B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 63ᵛ.

Printed: Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand* 180; Round, *Commune of London* 110 (from Lansdowne MS.); van Caenegem, *Royal Writs*, no. 84.

Date: After the 'discord' between Roger of Salisbury and the king (24 June 1139) and before Roger's death (11 Dec. 1139). Stephen was at Marlborough in Sept. 1139.

526. London, St. Martin le Grand (June 1139–Mar. 1140, at Newbury)

Confirming the tenures which Bishop Roger of Salisbury had in his hand

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo London(iensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et civibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de London(ia) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse et imperpetuum confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Martini London(iensi) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus teneduras illas quas Rogerus episcopus Sar(esberiensis) habebat in manu sua de possessione et jure ejusdem ecclesie, videlicet terras et domos extra Crepelegatam[1] quas Griffinus serviens episcopi habere solebat in custodia sub predicto episcopo, et illam partem terre cum tribus estallis in foro quam Petrus Futruid[2] tenuit de eodem episcopo. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et

[1] *13167*, Crepulsegate [2] *13167*, Futmid; *Bk. 5*, Ficcundus, *Lansdowne*, Firmid

honorifice et libere et quiete teneant cum socha et sacha et thol et theam et infangenethef et omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus Rogerus episcopus unquam melius tenuit, ita ne ulterius alicui liceat aliqua fraude surripere eam de possessione ecclesie. Testibus Ph(ilippo) canc(ellari)o, et Rog(ero) de [Fiscanno][1] et Ric(ardo) de Bolon(ia) capellanis, et Rob(erto) de Ver constabulario. Apud Niweberiam.

[1] *MS.* Gist

MSS. P.R.O. *Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 6; Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cxii, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 19ᵛ (no witnesses); B.M. Lansdowne MS. 18, f. 62ᵛ (no witnesses).
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 17–18; L. Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 154; Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 44 (in translation).
Date: While Philip was chancellor. For subject matter cf. **529**.

527. London, St. Martin le Grand (24 June 1139–24 June 1141)

To reseise the church of its lands and houses in Aldersgate

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Osberto Octoden(ariis) et omnibus baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministr(is) suis London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod faciatis resaisiri ecclesiam Sancti Martini London(iensis) et canonicos de terra et de domibus suis de Aldredesgat(a) unde filii Huberti Juvenis eos injuste et sine judicio dissaisierunt sicut inde saisiti fuerunt antequam episcopus Sar(esberiensis) captus fuisset apud Oxon(iam), et sicut precepi per aliud breve meum. Et quod ipsi postea ceperunt reddi facite juste. Et postea si ipsi quicquam in terras clamaverint episcopus Wint(oniensis) cujus ecclesia est et canonici teneant eis inde rectum. Et videte ne audiam amplius clamorem.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxi, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 19ᵛ; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 62ᵛ.
Printed: Round, *Commune of London*, 114; van Caenegem, no. 61.
Date: After the arrest of Bishop Roger of Salisbury and before Osbert Eightpence had joined the empress (which was before 24 June 1141).

528. London, St. Martin le Grand (24 June 1139–24 June 1141)

The canons to hold their lands, stalls, and soke in peace

S(tephanus) dei gratia rex Angl(orum) Osb(erto) Octodenariis et fidelibus et civibus et vicecomiti Lond(onie) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancti Martini London(iensis) bene et in pace et honorifice teneant terras suas et estalla sua que eis reddidi et confirmavi per cartam meam. Ita ne inde super cartam meam et saisinam quam eis prius precepi dissaisiantur, neque curiam vel socam suam perdant dum se de r(ec)to non defecerint in curia sua, sed si aliquis quicquam in estallis suis clamaverint ipsos inde requiro ut rectum inde teneant. T(estibus) . . . .

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxviii (ad finem), and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 15; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 57ᵛ.
Date: While Osbert Eightpence was justice. See **525**, **527**, and **529**. After 1141 he fled to the W. Country where he continued to support the empress.

529. London, St. Martin le Grand (Feb.–June 1141)

The empress orders Bishop Henry to be reseised as dean of the houses and lands formerly occupied by Peter Futnud

M(atildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglie domina Osberto Octodenariis et justic(iariis) et baron(ibus) et vic(ecomitibus) et civibus London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod saisiatis Henricum episcopum Winton(iensem) et ap(ostolice) se(dis) leg(atum) de domibus illis Lond(onie) et terris ubi Petrus Futnud[1] mansit qu(e) pertinent ad decanatum Sancti Martini London(ie) un(de) ecclesia sua et ipsi dissaisiti sunt, sicut Rogerus episcopus Sar(esberiensis) decanus ejusdem ecclesie et Fulcher(us) inde saisiti fuerunt die qua fuer(unt) vivi et mortui, et domos suas et omnia que inde post mortem episcopi Rogeri ablata sunt,

[1] *Mun. Bk.* Futinu(m)

facite illi reddi. Et terram ipsam et cetera omnia pertinentia ecclesie Sancti Martini in pace illi tenere facite. Test(ibus) . . . .

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxiii, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 20; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 63.
Printed: Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 180; Round, *Commune of London*, 116.
Date: While the empress held London. The tenement of Peter Fulinum, known by that name as late as 1171, was north of Cripplegate. Cf. **526**.

530. London, St. Martin le Grand (1141, after 24 June (?))

Queen Matilda orders that the canons are to hold their soke of Cripplegate

Matild(is) regina Anglorum justic(ie) et Johanni vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus regis et suis de Lond(onia) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio ex parte regis domini mei et mea quod permittatis canonicis Sancti Martini de London(ia) tenere et habere socnam suam de Crepelesgata et libertates suas omnes ita bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete ab omnibus exactionibus sicut melius habuerint eas tempore regis H(enrici) vel regis Stephani domini mei postea et sicut rex dominus meus precepit per breve suum, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. T(estibus) . . . .

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxiii, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 20; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 63.
Date: The assumption is that this was issued by the queen while Stephen was in captivity and she regent. But this is only an assumption; the writ of Stephen's to which she refers is **523** (1135–54). This is the sole mention of John the sheriff before 1155–6.

531. London, St. Martin le Grand (24 June 1139–24 June 1141)

To stop the dumping of muck on the empty land of St. Martin's outside Cripplegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] Osb(erto) Octodenar(iis) et vic(ecomiti) et civibus London(ie) salutem. Prohibeo ne aliquis proiciat fimum suum in vacua terra canonicorum Sancti Martini London(iensis) que est extra Crepelesg(ata) inter murum et ecclesiam Sancti Egidii super forisfacturam meam. Et si carta regis Willelmi avi mei quam ipsi habent testatur quod ipse eis dedisset eamdem terram cum alia terra quam ibidem habent de elemosina ipsius, tunc concedo quod ipsi canonici illam ita claudant quod fimus amplius non possit ibi proici et quod non sit nocu(me)ntu(m) civitati. Et nullus eis inde vim faciat vel injuriam.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. xli.
Date: While Osbert Eightpence was sheriff. See **528** etc. Trouble over the butchers' muck from St. Nicholas Shambles and Stinking Lane continued for two more centuries, till the butchers were moved out to Knightsbridge.

532. London, St. Martin le Grand (1139–43)

Protecting the land outside Cripplegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus civibus London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod Henricus Winton(iensis) episcopus et apostolice sedis legatus, frater meus, bene et in pace teneant (*sic*) omnes terras et pertinentia ecclesie sue de Sancto Martino London(iensi) et nominatim terram suam extra Crepelesg(ata) ita quod canonici sui possint illam reedificare et cortellagia sua facere bene et in pace, ne super hoc aliquis eos inde disturbet, neque fimum suum amplius in terram ipsorum proiciat super forisfacturam meam. Et de hominibus illis qui muros eorum violenter super breve meum et pacem diruerunt et rectum facite episcopo et canonicis ita ne rectum meum obliviscatur si ibi fuerit. Teste etc.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxliii.
Date: Henry was papal legate from Aug. 1139 till shortly after 24 Sept. 1143. For the dumping of muck and destroying of the walls erected to prevent this, see no. **531**.

533. London, St. Martin le Grand (1141–3)

Protecting the land outside Cripplegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) G(aufrido) comiti de Essex(a) et vicecomiti et civibus Lond(onie) salutem. Precipio quod canonici de Sancto Martino Lond(oniensi) firmam

pacem meam habeant ad reedificandam terram suam extra Crepeleg(atam) quam violentia quorumdam hominum civitatis distrinxit. Et prohibete ne aliquis amplius proiciat fimum suum in terra ipsa neque viam juxta murum obstruat super forisfacturam meam, sed in pace teneant ita ne aliqua eis amplius injuria vel contumelia inde fiat. T(estibus) . . . . .

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxxiii, *ad finem*.
Date: Geoffrey de Mandeville was justice of London from Christmas 1141 till near the end of Sept. 1143.

534. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–52)

The canons to hold their land outside Cripplegate

S(tephanus) dei gratia rex Anglie (*sic*) R(icardo) de Lucy et Teor(ico) filio Derm(ani) justiciar(iis) London(ie) et vicecomiti et ministris Londonie et Middelsexie salutem. Precipio quod canonici de Sancto Martino bene et in pace teneant terram suam extra Crepelegate sicut illam derationaverunt judicio hustingi [et secundum] cartas suas, et sicut tenuerunt die qua H(enricus) episcopus Wintoniensis frater meus decanus eorum mare transivit, ita ne aliquis eos disturbet de operationibus illius terre ne quis eis ullam injuriam faciat. Et concedo quod lapides que corruerunt de muro civitatis in via inter terram eorum et murum ita collocentur juxta murum in via, ne via amplius impediatur.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167 (no. cli), and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 20ᵛ; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 64.
Printed: Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 156; Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 64.
Date: Henry Bishop of Winchester visited Rome in 1143–4 and again in 1149–50. In view of **531–3** it is to be assumed that the visit of 1143–4 is the one referred to here. For Theodoric son of Derman see Round, *Commune of London*, 101, 106, 112.

535. London, St. Martin le Grand (1149–50, at London)

The canons to hold their church of St. Botolph (Aldersgate) and other property

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum R(oberto) episcopo Londoniensi et archidiacono et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et fidelibus suis London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancti Martini London(iensis) bene et in pace teneant ecclesiam suam de Sancto Botulfo et terras et omnia sua de quibus saisiti fuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua episcopus Wyntoniensis Henricus frater meus decanus eorum Romam perrexit et novissime de London(ia) discessit, ita ne ponantur inde in placitum usque ipse redeat de Roma quo ipse abiit licentia mea et per mandatum apostolici. Teste Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud London(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16; Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cxliii (no witness or place-date).
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 17.
Date: Henry Bishop of Winchester visited Rome in 1143–4 and 1149–50. This writ seems to refer to the latter visit (*per mandatum apostolici*). On the precise date of this visit see Brooke in *Letters of John of Salisbury*, i. 253–4 and Chibnall, *Historia Pontificalis of John of Salisbury*, 91–94.

536. London, St. Martin le Grand (1139–54)

Robert of Boulogne the king's clerk to have his father's land of Fleet if he can prove his claim

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) Lond(onie) salutem. Si Robertus de Bolon(ia) clericus meus pot(est) monstrare quod Ricardus pater suus tenuerit (*sic*) terram de Flieta ex dono meo, que fuit de feodo Willelmi Pever(elli) de Lond(onia) an(te)-quam Walterus filius Gilberti honorem illius Willelmi habu(er)it, tunc precipio quod idem illam bene et in pace teneat, nec ponatur inde in placitum nisi nominatim precep(er)o.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxlvii.
Date: Robert of Boulogne was a canon of St. Martin's, and his father Richard died between 1139 and 1147 (see **526**, **553**).

537. London, St. Martin le Grand (1139–52, at Cheshunt, Essex)

The canons to hold their church of Newport (Essex) and to carry away their corn as in the time of Henry I

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) G(aufrido) Pietati salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittas canonicos Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) tenere ecclesiam suam de Nieport(a) et in pace aspor[tare bladum suum ne] super hoc illos inde disturbes vel vim eis aliquam facias. Et pro[hibeo ne amplius inde] te intromittas, quia vidi et audivi cartam regis Henrici [avunculi] mei per quam dedit et concessit ecclesie Sancti Martini Lond(oniensi) predictam ecclesiam. Et ideo volo quod eis facias habere plenarie omnes decimas suas de dominio et de villanis et de omnibus rebus de quibus decima dari debet, ne super hoc audiam inde clamorem. T(este) Will(elmo) de Ipra. Apud Cestrahunt(am).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *1120 (original, $6\frac{1}{10}'' \times 3''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 543) with tongue but no seal; badly stained in parts). Copy in 13167, no. cxxi, from which the passages in square brackets come.

Printed: T.A.M.B., pl. xxii *a* (facs.).

Date: While William of Ypres was in England. Written by the same scribe, and perhaps on the same occasion as **538** which is witnessed by the queen (d. 1152).

538. London, St. Martin le Grand (1139–52, at Cheshunt)

Confirming the church of Newport (Ess.) and its tithes

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus baron(ibus) et fidelibus sancte ecclesie Francis et Anglis Essexe salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et regia auctoritate corroboro ecclesie Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Nioport(a) cum capellis et decimis et terris et omnibus ei pertinentibus, et ut habeant plenariam decimam et de dominio meo et de omnibus rebus de quibus decima rationabiliter dari debet. Et volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Sancti Martini et canonici ejusdem loci teneant et in perpetuum possideant hec prefata bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete sicut Rogerus Saresb(eriensis) episcopus et ipsi melius et liberius tenuerunt, quia vidi et audivi cartam regis Henrici avunculi mei per quam in perpetuum predictam ecclesiam cum omnibus possessionibus ei pertinentibus dedit et concessit ecclesie Sancti Martini. T(estibus) M(athilde) regina, et Will(elmo) de Ipra, et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Cestrahuntam.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *1114 (original, $7\frac{1}{5}'' \times 4\frac{7}{10}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 542), with tongue and tie but no seal). Copies in 13167, no. cxx, and P.R.O. Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16.

Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 17.

Date: Roger of Salisbury arrested *c.* 24 June 1139; William of Ypres not in England before 1139. The queen died 3 May 1152. Cf. **537**.

539. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7, at Windsor)

Queen Matilda orders Walter the priest of Witham (Ess.) to do fealty for the church of Witham to the church and canons of St. Martin le Grand

Math(ildis) dei gratia regina Anglie Waltero presbitero de Witteha(m) salutem. Sicut me amas et ea que de me tenes, precipio tibi quod infra tertium diem postquam hoc breve meum videris, eas ad Sanctum Martinum Lundonie et, sicut tibi dixi, fidelitatem facias eidem ecclesie Sancti Martini et canonicis de ecclesia de Witteha(m) et de omnibus rebus ei pertinentibus que illis dedi et concessi, salvo jure tuo, ita videlicet quod in vita tua ita teneas de illis sicut tenuisti de Ric(ardo) de Bolonia et tantundem illis singulis annis reddas, quia volo quod ipsi inde sint saisiti. T(este) Warn(er)o de Lusor(is). Apud Windesores.

MS.: *Westminster Abbey, 968* (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$, with tongue and tie but no seal, written by a scribe of St. Martin's who imitated *scriptor* xiv and also wrote **540** and Archbishop Theobald's confirmation of it (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 170), and **545, 547, 549, 552, 558, 559**. See T.A.M.B., p. 8.) Copy in Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cxxxv, without witnesses.

Date: As for **541**.

540. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7, at Windsor)

King Stephen gives Walter the priest the same orders as the queen (*in* **539**)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Waltero presbitero de Witteha(m) salutem. Sicut me amas et ea que de me tenes, precipio quod ad terminum quem regina tibi posuit eas ad Londonia(m) et fidelitatem facias ecclesie Sancti Martini et canonicis de ecclesia de Witha(m) et omnibus ei pertinentibus, que eis dedit et concessit ad unam prebendam faciendam, salvo jure tuo in vita tua, ita quod tantum illis reddas per singulos annos quantum reddere solebas Ric(ard)o de Bolonia. T(este) Will(elmo) de Ipra. Apud Windr(esores).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *1111 (original, 6″ × 2 3/16″, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 540), with tongue and tie but no seal. Cf. **539**.)
Date: As for **541**.

541. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7, at London)

Queen Matilda notifies Archbishop Theobald that she has given the church of Witham (*Ess.*) *to be a tenth prebend for a tenth canon*

Matildis dei gratia Anglorum regina Theobaldo Cantuariensi archiepiscopo et primati totius Anglie et R(oberto) episcopo Londoniensi et omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie per Essexam constitutis et omnibus hominibus et tenentibus suis de honore comitis Eustacii patris sui salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Martini Londoniensi et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus imperpetuam elemosinam nostram ecclesiam manerii mei de Witham, hoc est ecclesiam Sancti Nicholai cum ecclesia de Cressinges ei pertinente et capellis et decimis ac omnibus ei pertinentibus tam terris quam aliis rebus ad constituendam decimam prebendam et decimum canonicum in eadem ecclesia Sancti Martini pro salute domini mei regis Stephani et mea et incolumitate liberorum nostrorum et pro requie animarum utriusque parentis nostri et parentum et amicorum nostrorum defunctorum. Volo itaque et precipio quod canonici predicti bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant sicut melius et quietius et honorabilius tenent alias ecclesias suas et teneduras suas quas constat fore de jure meo et predecessorum meorum. Testibus Henr(ico) Wint(oniensi) episcopo, et Thoma capellano, et Bald(uino) de Bolonia, et Eustac(io) fratre ejus, et Petr(o) capellano, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elmo) Martello, et Ric(ard)o de Luci, et Hub(er)to camerario. Apud London(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16; Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cii (incomplete).
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 18.
Date: Before Eustace the queen's son became Count of Boulogne (1146/7) and after Theobald had begun to style himself 'primas' (1145).

542. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7, at London)

Notifying the ecclesiastical authorities of the king's confirmation of the queen's gift of the church of Witham as a tenth prebend for a tenth canon

Stephanus rex Anglorum Theobaldo Cantuariensi archiepiscopo et Roberto episcopo Londoniensi et decano Sancti Pauli et archidiacono et omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Londonia et Essexa salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et regia auctoritate corroboro et confirmo ecclesie Sancti Martini Londoniensi et canonicis donationem illam quam Matildis regina uxor mea eis fecit de matre ecclesia manerii de Witham in Essexa cum ecclesiis et capellis et terris et decimis et omnibus eis pertinentibus quam constat fore de jure patrimonii sui. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneant in perpetuam elemosinam sicut ipsa constituit ad faciendam prebendam et decimum canonicum in eadem ecclesia Sancti Martini ad honorem et laudem dei pro salute nostra et liberorum nostrorum et pro requie animarum parentum et predecessorum nostrorum. Testibus Henr(ico) Winton(iensi) episcopo fratre meo et decano ejusdem ecclesie Sancti Martini, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elm)o Martell dap(ifero), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Warn(er)o de Lusor(iis). Apud London(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 19.
Date: As for **541**.

543. London, St. Martin le Grand (Dec. 1139–Mar. 1140, at Andover)

To reseise the canons of the land in Maldon of which they have been disseised by Walter de Provins the bailiff of Count Theobald (of Blois)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Gaufr(ido) de Magnavilla salutem. Precipio quod sine dilatione facias resaisiri ecclesiam et canonicos Sancti Martini Lund(onie) de terris et omnibus tenat(ur)is suis de Meldona, unde Walterus de P(ro)vino minister com(itis) Theob(aldi) eos dissaisivit, ita plenarie dico facias eos resaisiri sicut i(nde) saisiti fuerunt ipsi et ecclesia sua die qua dedi manerium illud comiti Theob(aldo) et die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et die qua R(ogerus) episcopus Sar(esberiensis) fuit vivus et mortuus. Et bene et in pace et libere teneant sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici, ne super hoc sustineas quod aliqua eis inde injuria [vel] contumelia fiat. T(este) P(hilippo) Can(cellari)o. Apud Andeveram.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *8111 (original, $5\frac{1}{8}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 555) with tongue but no seal). Copies in Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cxiii, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 86; and B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, ff. 64 and 116^{v}.
Printed: Madox, *Baronia*, 232 n.; Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 182 (wrongly).
Date: After the death of Roger of Salisbury (11 Dec. 1139) and while Philip was chancellor. For the circumstances of the writ cf. **189** and **790**, Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 147 (*b* and *c*), and Robert of Torigni (R.S.), 132.

544. London, St. Martin le Grand (*c.* 1143–7)

To reseise the canons of their burgage of Maldon (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Oswardo preposito Meldon(e) salutem. Si injuste et sine judicio dissaisisti canonicos Sancti Martini de terra sua de burgagio Mealdon(e) in qua Wadlac sacerdos mansit, tunc precipio quod illos inde resaisias et in pace teneant sicut tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et eadem consuetudine. Quod nisi feceris Michael Dap(ifer) faciat, et si noluerit[1] Ricardus de Luci et Mauricius vicecomes faciant fieri. T(estibus) Dabo (*sic*) etc.

[1] *MS.* uoluerit

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxxii.
Date: As for **545**.
Wadlac (or Wallac) the priest was the *vicarius* of Walter de Provins, bailiff of Count Theobald (Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 147).

545. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–7, at London)

To reseise the canons of their burgage at Maldon (Essex) if they can show that they have been disseised unjustly

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Waltero filio Gisleberti et preposito suo de Mealdona salutem. Si canonici Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) poterint monstrare quod Oswardus de Meldona injuste et sine judicio illos dissaisierit de terra sua de Meldon(a) de burgagio, tunc precipio quod illos faciatis illos (*sic*) resaisiri sicut saisiti fuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et quicquid inde cepit postea, reddi juste faciatis. Et in pace teneant sic(ut) tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et eadem consuetudine. Et nisi fec(er)itis, Ricardus de Luci et vic(ecomes) de Essexa faciant fieri, ne audiam inde clamorem pro penuria recti. T(este) Warn(er)io de Lusor(iis). Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 326/11342 (original, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 503) with tongue but no seal. Cf. **539**.) Copies in Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. xlvii, Mun. Bk. 5, ff. 20^{v} and 85^{v}; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, ff. 64 and 116.
Printed: Round, *Commune of London*, 115; van Caenegem, no. 86.
Date: Richard de Luci was justiciar of Essex after the fall of Geoffrey de Mandeville in Sept. 1143. Walter fitz Gilbert (de Clare) went on crusade in 1147 (*Monast.* iv. 597).

546. London, St. Martin le Grand (1147–52)

Ordering a recognition to be made to discover if the canons were seised of their marsh in Maldon (Essex) when Walter fitz Gilbert went on crusade

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo) de Luc(i) justic(ie) et M(auricio) vic(ecomiti) de Essex(a) salutem. Facite recognosci per sacramentum proborum hominum qui veritatem noverint de hundr(edo) Meldon(i) et de Danesic h(un)dr(edo) et Turestapla h(un)dr(edo) si canonici Sancti Martini London(ie) saisiati fuerunt de marisco de Meldon(a) qui dicitur Becehauhap(re) quam R(anulph us) de Veniens concessit ecclesie Sancte Marie tempore regis H(enrici) et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et deinceps usque ad diem qua Walterus filius Gilberti perrexit Jerosolim(am). Et si recognitum fuerit quod tunc fuissent inde saisiti, tunc precipio quod inde saisiantur et in pace teneant sicut precepi brevi mea. T(este) etc.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxii.
Date: After Walter fitz Gilbert went on crusade (allegedly in 1147) and before **547**.

547. London, St. Martin le Grand (1147–52, at London)

To reseise Bishop Henry and the canons of their marsh at Maldon (Essex) as it was recognized as theirs in the hundred court

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo) de Luci justic(ie) et M(auricio) vic(ecomiti) de Essexa salutem. Precipio quod faciatis habere et tenere Henr(ico) Wint(oniensi) ep(iscop)o fratri meo et canonic(is) Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) ita in pace et honorifice et juste mariscum suum quem Rann(ulphus) de Venions dedit pro anima sua ecclesie Sancte Marie de Meldona de terra illa quam rex Henr(icus) illi concessit et dedit pro servitio suo de feodo Peverelli quod habebat in d(o)m(ini)o suo sicut recognitum et testificatum fuit coram Moric(io) vicecomite in hundr(edo) apud Meldonam quod tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et deinceps usque ad diem qua Walterus filius Gisl(eberti) movit ad pergendum Jerosolimam. Et super hoc non ponantur inde in placitum injuste donec Walterus redeat in Angliam de quo tenent idem mariscum. Et de vi et injuria que illis inde facta est plenum rectum illis facite, ita ne rectum meum obliviscatur, si ibi fuerit. T(este) Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud London(iam).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *8113 (original, $6\frac{4}{5}'' \times 2\frac{1}{5}''$, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 557), with Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue. Cf. **539**.) Copy in 13167 (no. cxix).
Printed: Madox, *Formulare*, no. lxviii; Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 155; Howlett, *Chronicles* (R.S.), iii. xxxviii (in part).
Date: After **546** and at the same time as **548**.

548. London, St. Martin le Grand (1147–52)

The queen orders the sheriff to see that the canons hold their marsh of Maldon (Essex) in peace

M(athildis) dei gratia regina Angl(orum) Ricardo de Luci et Ma[uricio][1] vicecomiti Essex(e) salutem. Mando vobis et precor quod pro amore meo faciatis ecclesiam et canonicos Sancti Martini London(iensis) tenere bene et in pace marescum suum de Meldona sicut tenebant illud tempore Henrici regis et sicut Ranulphus de Venion dedit eis illud et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Meldon(a). Nec patiamini el(emosin)am meam de Sancto Martino vel per Ailwardum archidiaconum vel per alium ministrum vel (*sic*) conturbari sicut homines de honore Will(elmi) Peverelli et vicini testantur predictum marescum ad predictam ecclesiam pertinere et sicut Walterus filius Gilberti illis concessit. Sentiant itaque prescripti canonici ipsis apud nos profuisse quod ego pro eis rogo.

[1] *MS.* Martino

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxviii.
Date: After **546** and before the death of the queen.

549. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–54, at Bermondsey)

Bishop Henry and the canons are to hold their marsh at Maldon (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo) de Luci justic(ie) et vicecomiti de Essexa salutem. Precipio quod Henricus Wint(oniensis) episcopus frater meus decanus ecclesie Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) et canonici ita bene et in pace et juste teneant mariscum suum de Mealdona quem Rann(ulphus) de Venions dedit ecclesie Sancte Marie de Mealdona pro anima sua de terra illa quam rex Henricus illi dedit de dominio suo pro servitio suo, et sicut idem Ran(nulphus) illam eis dedit, et sicut cartha ipsius testatur et sicut tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus et postea hactenus. Et si quis illis fecerit injuriam, precipio quod plenum rectum illis faciatis inde. T(este) Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Bermundesiam.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *8110 (original, $5\frac{3}{8}'' \times 3\frac{1}{8}''$, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (see **539**) with tongue and tie but no seal). Copy in Westminster Abbey, 13167, no. cxviii.

Printed: Madox, *Formulare*, no. lxviii, and *Hist. of Exchequer* (1711), p. 23 n.; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normann.* 165.

Date: After Bishop Henry had ceased to be papal legate. Probably much the same date as **547**.

550. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–7, at Bermondsey)

The queen announces the end of a lawsuit over ½ hide of land at Mashbury (Essex)

Mathildis Anglorum regina Ricardo de Luci et vicecomiti et baronibus de Essexa et omnibus tenentibus de honore comitis Eustacii Bolonie salutem. Sciatis quod Ricardus filius Huberti armigeri recognovit in audientia regis Stephani et mea rectum ecclesie Sancti Martini London(iensis) de terra de Maisseberia scilicet dimidia hida terre quam Gislebertus tenuit de qua idem Ricardus et canonici placitari debebant in curia regis, et ita quod idem Ricardus quietam illam reddidit regi Stephano et michi ad opus ipsius ecclesie. Et nos illam reddidimus ecclesie Sancti Martini et canonicis per manum Henrici Wyntoniensis episcopi et decani ipsius ecclesie solutam et quietam cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et consuetudinibus et libertatibus aliis cum quibus barones et vavassores predicti honoris comitis Eustacii melius et liberius tenent. Et teneant in capite de rege et de me et de heredibus nostris per servitium quarte partis unius militis quod retinemus quamdiu nobis placuerit. Testibus Henr(ico) Wynton(iensi) episcopo, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Will(elm)o Martello, et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Rob(erto) de Salchevilla. Apud Bermundeseiam.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16.

Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 18.

Date: After Henry Bishop of Winchester had ceased to be papal legate (24 Sept. 1143), and before the queen's son Eustace became Count of Boulogne (1146/7).

551. London, St. Martin le Grand (1147–53)

Eustace the king's son, Count of Boulogne, confirms the ½ hide in Mashbury (Essex) which was given by his parents

Eustachius filius regis et comes Bolonie omnibus baronibus et vavassoribus et tenentibus suis de Essex salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo ecclesie Sancti Martini Londoniensis et canonicis terram de Masseberi, scilicet illam dimidiam hidam, quam Gislebertus tenet, quam Ricardus filius Herberti armig(eri) reddidit patri meo regi Stephano solutam et quietam sicut rectum ecclesie prenominate. Et volo et precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Martini et canonici illam in pace et honorifice teneant solutam et quietam cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et omnibus liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus barones et vavassores mei melius et liberius tenent, sicut pater meus rex Stephanus et mater mea Mat(hildis) regina reddidit ecclesie per manum Henrici Wint(oniensis) episcopi avunculi mei et decani ipsius ecclesie Sancti Martini, et hoc per servitium quarte partis unius militis sicut carte regis et regine testantur. T(estibus) . . . .

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxxi, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 20; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 63ᵛ (from Mun. Bk. 5).

Printed: Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 181; Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 156 (both from Lansdowne MS.).

552. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–54, at Windsor)

Bishop Henry is to hold his fugitive, Ulwin Mud, in peace

[S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo) de Luci et vic(ecomiti) Essex(ie) salutem. Precipio] quod episcopus Wint(oniensis) frater meus [ita bene et in pace teneat Ulwinum Mud fu]gitivum suum et catalla sua [que canonici disrationaverunt sicut Rogerus episcopus Sares]berie melius tenuit tempore comitis [Eustachii de Bolonia et deinceps usque] ad diem qua rex Henricus avunculus [meus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et] super hoc non ponantur canonici sui de [Sancto Martino in placitum versus] prepositum de Writela de ipso vel [de pecunia sua. Et Moricius] vicecomes quietus sit de plegio illius et pecunia [canonicorum quam replegiavit. T(este) Ro]b(erto) de Ver. Apud Windesor(am).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *1137 (original, but only the right-hand half of it survives, 1⅛″ tall, written in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 544), with no tongue or seal. Cf. **539**.) Copies in Mun. Bk. 5, f. 29 (whence passages in square brackets), and B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 73ᵛ.

Printed: Round, *Commune of London*, 109 (wrongly); Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 101, n. 4; van Caenegem, *Royal Writs*, no. 113.

Date: After Maurice had become sheriff of Essex (late 1143) and Henry had ceased to be papal legate (24 Sept. 1143).

This writ is about a runaway villein and has nothing to do with the sanctuary of St. Martin le Grand. The fugitive villein had evidently been apprehended and claimed by the king (who had demesne at Writtle: D.B. ii. 5–5ᵛ) as well as by St. Martin le Grand.

553. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7)

Queen Matilda ordains that the canons are to hold the land, men, and pertinences of the church at Crishall (Essex)

Matildis Anglie regina Huberto camerario et Alilo clerico et ministris suis de Christeshal(a) salutem. Precipio quod canonici de Sancto Martino Londoniensi teneant terram et homines suos et res pertinentes ecclesie [Sancte] Marie de Cristeshale et in pace et honorifice, et habeant omnes consuetudines et rectitudines suas pertinentes libertati ecclesie in viis et exitibus et decimis et nemore et plano, sicut Ricardus de Bolon(ia) vel aliquis sacerdos melius habuit tempore patris mei, vel postea melius, et ita ne super hoc aliquam faciatis eis vel hominibus eorum injuriam vel contumeliam, quia volo quod honorabiliter teneant. T(estibus) . . . .

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cvii, Mun. Bk. 5, f. 19; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 62 (from Mun. Bk. 5).

Printed: Kempe, *St. Martin le Grand*, 181.

Date: After the death of Richard of Boulogne who was still alive in 1139 (see **526**) and before the honour of Boulogne was handed over to Eustace in 1146/7. Probably as for **555**.

554. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7)

Hubert the queen's chamberlain orders Alfred the clerk and the officials of Crishall (Essex) on the queen's behalf to let the canons have their tithes etc. in Crishall

Hubertus regine camerarius Alveredo clerico et ministris de Cristesh(ala) salutem. Mando vobis atque precipio ex parte regine et ex parte mea quod faciatis habere Roberto canonico de Sancto Martino ceterisque canonicis ejusdem loci omnes decimas r(ec)tas que pertinent ad ecclesiam de Cristeshale et [de] dominio et de hominibus illius ville, et ita bene et plenarie in omnibus rebus sicut Ricardus clericus illas unquam melius habere solebat. Et videte ne per vos inde quicquam perdant.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxlvii.

Date: As for **553**. Richard the clerk is Richard of Boulogne and Robert the canon is his son.

555. London, St. Martin le Grand (1145–7)

Grant of the church of Crishall (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Rob(erto) Lond(oniensi) episcopo et decano Sancti Pauli et archidiacon(is) et omni clero episcopatus Lond(oniensis) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus

suis de Essex(a) et ministris et hominibus suis de honore et terra comitis Eustac(ii) Bolon(ie) salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et regia auctoritate corroboro ecclesie Sancti Martini London(iensis) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus reddit(i)o(ne)m et donationem et concessionem illam quam M(athildis) regina uxor mea fecit de ecclesia Sancte Marie de Cristeshal(a) cum terra et decimis et omnibus ei pertinentibus que fuerunt de jure et possessione patrimonii sui. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant in elemosinam et possessionem perpetuam sicut honorabilius et liberius et quietius tenet alias ecclesias et possessiones suas pertinentes predicte ecclesie Sancti Martini. Teste etc.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxviii.
Date: The gift was confirmed by Archbishop Theobald (*Theobald*, no. 170), and his confirmation must be dated 1145–50 since he styles himself primate but not legate. The present charter must be earlier than 1147, since it is Queen Matilda rather than her son Eustace who made the gift.

556. London, St. Martin le Grand (1139–47?)

Robert the priest is to have the queen's firm peace, being her chaplain

M(athildis) Angl(orum) regina Bosoher' de Bolon(ia) salutem. Precipio quod iste Robertus presbiter et capellanus canonicorum meorum Sancti Martini Lond(oniensis) et socii ejus et omnes res sue firmam pacem meam habeant; et tu manutene illum ita ne patiaris quod aliquis contumeliam faciat ei aut sociis suis aut rebus suis, quia ipse clericus meus est. Teste etc.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxvi.
Date: *c.* 1145–7 if it is right to guess that the chaplain is Robert of Boulogne and the church Crishall (cf. 553–5).

557. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–7)

The queen orders Baldwin of Wissant not to trouble St. Martin's land at (*Good Easter*) (*Essex*)

M(athildis) regina Angl(orum) Bald(wino) de Witsand constab(ulario) salutem. Conquestus est episcopus Wint(oniensis) apud regem et apud me quod inquietas terram suam et canonicorum suorum de Estra et redimis homines eorum. Quare mando tibi et precipio quod pacem eis habere facias de te et militibus et hominibus qui sunt sub potestate tua, et nominatim de Hug(one) presbitero et Manassero et Waltero de Guerris, et quietu(m) permitte esse quendam hominem eorum de una marca arg(enti) quam posuisti super eum pro injustis occasionibus Manasser(i), ne audiam inde clamorem amplius.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxxix, and Mun. Bk. 5, f. 21.
Date: After the Bishop of Winchester had ceased to be legate and while the queen still controlled the honour of Boulogne herself (Baldwin of Wissant being constable of the honour).

558. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–40, at Westminster)

Notification of the grant of warren at Good Easter, Norton, Maldon, and Tolleshunt (*Essex*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomiti) de Exxa (*sic*) et omnibus baronibus suis et fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Exess(a) (*sic*) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Sancto Martino Lond(oniensi) et canonicis suis ut habeant warennam in terra eorum de Estra et Nortona, Meldona, et Tolessunt, ut nullus fuget in ea neque bestiam capiat, super x lib(ras) forisfact(ur)e. T(este) Hug(one) Bigot. Ap(ud) Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *8112 (original, $6\frac{1}{10}'' \times 1\frac{4}{5}''$, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 556), cf. 539; with a tongue but no seal). Copies in Mun. Bk. 5, f. 18, and 13167, no. cxxxvi; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 170, f. 61; P.R.O. Chart. R. 17 Ed. III, m. 16.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 18.
Date: Before Hugh Bigod deserted or was an earl.

559. London, St. Martin le Grand (1143–7, at London)

Quitclaiming St. Martin's lands at Norton (Mandeville) and Good Easter (Essex) of pleas and assizes of assarts

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo) de Luci justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et forestar(iis) et ministr(is) suis de Essexa salutem. Clamo quietas amodo pro amore dei et petitione Henrici episcopi Wint(oniensis) fratris mei terram canonicorum meorum de Sancto Martino Lond(oniensi) de Nortona et Godretestr(a) de placitis et asisis (*sic*) essartorum de Essexa. Et volo et precipio quod omnino inde pacem habeant sicut melius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici et consulis Eustac(ii) de Bolonia, ne propter hoc amplius ipsi vel pecunie eorum vexentur. T(este) ipso Henr(ico) episcopo. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *1112 (original, 6″ × 2″, in the hand of the imitator of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., no. 541), with no tongue, tag, or seal. Cf. 539.) Copy in 13167, no. cxxix *ad finem*.
Printed: Voss, *Heinrich von Blois*, 155.
Date: After Henry ceased to be papal legate (1143) and before Eustace the king's son became Count of Boulogne (1146/7).

560. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–54)

Gift of the church of Easingwold (N. Yorks.) to master Mannard the king's chaplain

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eboracensi et archidiaconis et justici(e) et vicecomit(i) et ministris et fidelibus suis de Eborac(i)schira salutem. Sciatis quia dedi in elemosinam magistro Mannard capellano meo ecclesiam de Esingwald(a) cum terris et decimis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice illam teneat et possideat sicut capellanus meus dominicus et sicut aliquis ante eum melius et liberius et quietius tenuit.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. cxxvi.
Easingwold was royal demesne in 1086, as was its church (D.B. i. 299). It may be assumed that Mannard, like so many other royal chaplains, was a canon of St. Martin's.

561. London, St. Martin le Grand (1135–54)

Grant of 12 acres of assart to the church of Easingwold (N. Yorks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eborac(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eborac(i)schira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie de Eisingwald xii acras de essarto solutas et quietas ab omni seculari exactione, et nominatim de placitis essartorum. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta teneat has predictas xii acras bene et in pace, libere et quiete, sicut tenet alias possessiones suas. T(este) etc.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *13167, no. xli.
Cf. 560.

562. London, St. Paul's Cath. and See (1139–54, at London)

The bishop and canons to hold their lands freely

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod episcopus Lond(oniensis) et canonici sui teneant omnes terras et homines suos infra burgum et extra libere et quiete in omnibus sicut antecessores sui umquam liberius et quietius tenuerunt tempore alicujus regis et sicut testantur karte W(illelmi) regis et H(enrici) regis. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Luci. Ap(ud) Lond(oniam).

MSS.: London, St. Paul's Cath. D. and C., *A. 60/36 (pretended original, 5⅝″ × 2⅝″, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 519) with a wide right-hand margin. Tongue but no seal.) Copy in St. Paul's D. and C., Liber A, f. 3*b* (no. 33).
Printed: *Hist. MSS. Comm. Rep.* ix, p. 45; Gibbs, *Early Charters of St. Paul's Cathedral*, no. 37.
Date: Not earlier than 1139 because of Richard de Lucy.

563. London, St. Paul's Cath. and See (1139–54, at London)

The canons to hold their lands in London and Middlesex freely

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vicecom(iti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Lond(onie) et Middelsexie salutem. Precipio quod canonici ecclesie Sancti Pauli Lond(oniensis) teneant omnes terras et homines suos infra Lond(oniam) et extra ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut antecessores sui melius et liberius et quietius tenuerunt tempore alicujus regis et carte Willelmi et Henrici predecessorum meorum testantur. Teste Ricardo de Lucy. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: London, St. Paul's Cath. D. and C., Liber A, f. 3*a* (no. 31).
Printed: *Gibbs, op. cit., no. 35.
Date: As for **562**.

564. London, St. Paul's Cath. and See (1139–54)

The canons to hold their lands in Essex and Herts. freely

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(iis), vicecomit(ibus), baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Estsex(e) et Hertford(scire) salutem. Precipio quod canonici ecclesie Sancti Pauli Lond(oniensis) teneant omnes terras suas et homines suos Estsex(e) et Hertford(scire) ita bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete sicut antecessores sui melius et liberius et quietius tenuerunt tempore Willelmi regis et Henrici predecessorum meorum et sicut carte sue testantur. Teste Ricardo de Lucy. Apud Londoniam.

MS.: London, St. Paul's Cath. D. and C., Liber A, f. 3*b* (no. 34).
Printed: *Gibbs, op. cit., no. 38.
Date: As for **562**.

565. London, St. Paul's Cath. and See (1139–54, at Barking)

Grant of an assart of 240 acres in Runwell (Essex)

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus forestariis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essex(a) salutem. Sciatis quia concessi et dedi deo et ecclesie Sancti Pauli Lond(oniensis) cc et xl acras terre de assarto quas Ricardus archidiaconus fecit in manerio canonicorum Sancti Pauli Lond(oniensis) de Ronewella libere et quiete absque omni placito et occasione forestariorum et essartorum per finem quem idem Ricardus mecum inde fecit, ita quod nullus super hoc inde implacitetur. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici teneant et habeant assartum illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice. Testibus H(enrico) de Essex(a), et Ricardo de Lucy,[1] [et] Adam de Belun, [et] Rogero de Fraxin(eto). Apud Berching.

[1] *Liber A ends here; rest from Cotton MS. only*

MSS.: London, St. Paul's Cath. D. and C., Liber A, f. 3*b* (no. 35); B.M. Cotton MS. Julius C. vii, f. 198 (partial transcript by Charles).
Printed: *Gibbs, op. cit., no. 39.
Date: Charles's transcript gives a drawing showing Stephen's second seal.

566. London, St. Paul's Cath. and See (possibly 1153–4, at Woodstock)

Release of the double-hundred of Tendring (Essex) from assarts and pleas of the forest

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justiciar(io) et vic(ecomiti) et forestar(iis) et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essex(a) salutem. Sciatis quod pro dei amore et pro anima regis Henrici et omnium antecessorum meorum et omnium fidelium clamavi quietos ii hundredos de Tend(ringes) de essartis et placitis forestar(iorum) inperpetuum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod omnes homines de eisdem hundredis sint quieti imperpetuum de foresta et placitis essartorum et placitis forestar(iorum) ne umquam amplius inde in placitum ponantur. Testibus Ricardo Lucy (*sic*), Ricardo de Canville. Apud Wodestok.

MS.: London, St. Paul's Cath. D. and C., Liber A, f. 3*a* (no. 32).
Printed: *Gibbs, op. cit., no. 36.
Date: As for **562**, but comparison with **239** suggests 1153–4.

567. Loricarius, Robert (1126–35, at Argentan)

The empress grants a mansura of land in Caen

M(atildis) imperatrix regis Anglorum filia Ricardo vicecomiti et ministris suis et omnibus fidelibus suis de Argentomo salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Roberto Loricario in jure hereditario sibi suisque heredibus mansuram terre que est in vico Cadumensi solutam et quietam cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis et ab excubibus atque vigiliis liberam. Ita quoque ut de prescripta terra in calumpniam aut querelam se vocanti non respondeat. T(estibus) Raginaldo fratre meo, et Guidon(e) de Sableolo, et Alex(andro) de Bohun. Apud Argento(nu)m.

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 10083, no. 3 (original, now $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{3}''$, in an unidentified hand, with no trace of tongue, tag, or seal). Copy at Caen, Archives du Calvados, H. 6510, f.19 (cartulary of St. André-en-Gouffern).

Printed: (abstracts) D'Anisy, *Catalogue* ii. 388 (no. 137) and Round, *C.D.F.*, no. 591.

Date: Since the empress is styled daughter of *the* King, Henry I must still have been alive.

568. Louvain, Jocelin de (1153–4)

Grant of the honor or barony of Petworth (Sussex)

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Jocelino fratri regine Adelicie honorem de Petteworth cum omnibus pertinentiis, tam in dominicis quam in feodis militum, sicut Willelmus comes Arondell et regina Adelicia ipsi illum dederunt. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ipse et heredes sui prefatum honorem cum omnibus rebus ad illum pertinentibus bene et in pace libere quiete et honorifice et juste teneant cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus ad baroniam illam pertinentibus. Et ita ne ipsi de honore illo propter aliquam calumpniam dissaisientur antequam excambium inde eis donem ad gratuitum suum et valentiam. Testibus etc.

MS.: Brentford, Syon House, Percy Cartulary, f. 145^{v}.

Printed: M. Martin (ed.). **The Percy Chartulary* (Surtees Soc. 117), p. 391.

Date: After Henry took the title of Duke of Aquitaine.

569. Lucy, Richard de (Dec. 1153–Oct. 1154, at London)

Grant by William the king's son, in the presence of the king, of Stanford Rivers, Ongar, Roding, and Crishall (Essex) and of lands in the Rape of Pevensey

Comes W(illelmus) filius regis Stephani omnibus hominibus suis dilectis et fidelibus Francis Anglis et nominatim omnibus qui sunt et qui futuri de honore comitis Eustachii salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et reddidisse Ric(ardo) de Luci Stanford et Angre que est membrum de Stanford, et Royng preter hoc quod pertinet ad ecclesiam Sancti Bartholomei et Cristeshal(e); et de Rapo de Pevenesello Lestona et Centinges quod inde habet Warn(er)us de Fenni ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate per servitium trium militum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Ricardus et heredes sui omnia predicta bene et in pace et honorifice teneant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus sicut melius et honorabilius ea tenuerunt predecessores mei in terris et in hominibus et in bosco et plano in aquis et stagnis mariscis pratis pascuis viis semitis et in omnibus ad eas res pertinentibus. Factum autem est hoc Lond(onie) coram rege Steph(ano), testibus Henr(ico) Winton(iensi) ep(iscop)o, Hug(one) Dunelm(en)si ep(iscop)o, Will(elm)o priore S(anc)ti Pancratii, Regin(aldo) de Ware(nna), Hug(one) de Petraponte, Ric(ardo) de Hanesti, Oseb(er)to Martel, Turroldo de Borram, Rob(er)to de Ruilli, Philippo de Querceto, Simone de Gerartmol(endin)i.

MS.: P.R.O. *C 52/33, no. 10.

Printed: Palgrave, *Commonwealth*, ii, p. xi; Round, in *Essex Arch. Soc.*, new series, vii. 144 (1900 for 1898)—incomplete.

Date: Hugh de Puiset was consecrated Bishop of Durham 20 Dec. 1153; King Stephen d. 25 Oct. 1154. Round points out that this charter really confirms a grant made by King Stephen and Queen Matilda

(d. 3 May 1152), since in his charter (1154–60) King Henry II confirms 'donationem illam quam rex Stephanus et regina Matildis et Willelmus comes Bolonie ei fecerunt de Stanford et de Ingr(a) et de Royng et de Cristeshal sicut carta comitis Willelmi testatur et sicut ipse eam illi concessit coram me apud Sare(esberiam)'.

570. Luffield Priory (1140–54, at London)

Grant of the hermitage of Fletchampstead (Warwicks.)

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) episcopo Cestr(iensi) et justiciario et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Warwicshira salutem. Sciatis quod dedi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Luffelde et monachis ibidem deo servientibus heremitagium in bosco de Flechamsteda quod Geraldus monachus ibi fecit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omni seculari exactione sicut elemosinam meam dominicam. Testibus Rob(erto) cancellario, et Rogero de Frax(ineto),[2] Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud London(iam).

[1] *MS.* E [2] *MS.* Frāg

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 10, f. 17v.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 348 (no. 4).
Date: While Robert was chancellor. Henry II apparently gave this same hermitage to the Templars of Balsall.

571. Luffield Priory (*c.* 30 Mar. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress protects the monks of Luffield and their property

M(athildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia omnibus fidelibus suis de Northamtescira et Buchinghamscira salutem. Precipio quod omnes res monachorum de Luffelda sunt in mea firma pace, ne aliquis rebus eorum quicquam forisfaciat, quia ipsi sunt in mea protectione et tenseria et omnes res eorum. Test(ibus) Robert(o) de Oilli. Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 10, f. 17.
Date: Before the empress was styled *domina Anglorum* (7–8 Apr. 1141). William of Malmesbury says that she spent Easter (30 Mar.) 1141 at Oxford.

572. Lympstone and Kenton (*c.* June–Aug. 1136, at Exeter)

Quittance of toll and passage-money

Stephanus rex Anglorum justiciis et vicecomitibus et ministris suis Devonie et Cornubie salutem. Precipio quod homines mei de Listona et Chentona habeant quietantiam suam de theloneo et passagio ita bene et juste et plene sicut rex Henricus precepit per breve suum et ego per meum. Et si quid de suo super hec et propter hoc captum est, reddatur. Teste episcopo Saresberiensi. Apud Exoniam, per R(obertum) Arund(el).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 16 Ed. III, m. 3, Pat. R. 16 Ed. III, pt. ii, m. 34.
Printed: **C.C.R.* v. 11; *C.P.R. 1340–3*, 476.
Date: The siege of Exeter seems the obvious occasion. Lympstone and Kenton are down the estuary of the Exe, Lympstone on the E. and Kenton on the W.

573. Malling Abbey (1135–54, at Canterbury)

The abbess to have her land, property, and the freedom of her court

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Chent salutem. Precipio quod abbatissa Melling(e) teneat terram suam et omnes res suas et liberalitatem curie sue sicut antecessores sue unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt, ne super hoc ulla fiat ei injuria vel contumelia. Teste Warnero de Lusoris. Apud Cantuariam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 21 Ed. III, m. 12.
Printed: **C.C.R.* v. 57.

574. Malmesbury Abbey (probably 1153)

Duke Henry confirms various liberties and quittances, including the custody of their forests

Henricus dux Normann[orum] et quiAtann[orum] comes Andegav[orum] omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus suis fidelibus Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Aldhelmi de Malm(esburia) et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes libertates suas et quietancias quas habuerunt tempore antecessorum meorum regum Anglie, et nominatim quietantiam tholonei per totam Angliam sicut rex Henricus eis concessit. Et custodiam forestarum suarum eis concedo sicut rex Willelmus eis concessit, ita quod nullus regius forestarius inde se intromittat. Volo etiam et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta omnes possessiones suas et omnia que ad illam ecclesiam pertinent teneat bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco, in planis, pratis, pasturis, aquis, stagnis, viis, et semitis, cum socca et sacca, tol et them et infangeneþœf, cum omnibus aliis rebus et dignitatibus et quietantiis et libertatibus ad abbatiam illam pertinentibus, sicut melius et liberius tenuit tempore antecessorum meorum. Test(ibus) Will(elm)o cancellario, Ric(ardo) de Homet, etc.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R. Misc. Bks. i. 24, f. 137; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 417, f. 30v.
Printed: J. S. Brewer and C. T. Martin, *Registrum Malmesburiense* (R.S.) i. 330.
Date: Henry took the title Duke of Aquitaine in Apr. or May 1153.

575. Malmesbury Abbey (Apr. 1153–Apr. 1154, at Wilton)

Duke Henry protects the fair at Malmesbury

Henricus dux Normann(orum) et Aquitann(orum) et comes Andegav[orum] omnibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et justiciariis suis salutem. Precipio quod omnes homines civitatum et villarum qui ad nundinas Malmesburie venire voluerint, secure et in firma pace mea, et eisdem consuetudinibus quas habebant tempore H(enrici) regis avi mei, veniant et redeant,[1] ne quis eis injuriam faciat. Teste Manasse(ro) Biset. Apud Wylt(onam).[2]

[1] *MSS.* ardeant [2] *Lansdowne* Wilt(onam)

MSS.: P.R.O. *Exch. K.R., Misc. Bks. i. 24, f. 138; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 417, f. 24v.
Printed: J. S. Brewer and C. T. Martin, *Registrum Malmesburiense*, i. 333 (incorrectly).
Date: Henry took the title Duke of Aquitaine in Apr.–May 1153, and left England in Apr. 1154.

Mandeville, Geoffrey de, *see* Essex, Earl of.

576. Marcigny, Priory of (1135–7, at Winchester)

The lands of the priory, in which the king's mother is a nun, to be free of all pleas and gelds etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monialibus de Martiniaco, ubi mater mea monialis est, quod tota terra et homines et omnes res sue sint in pace et quiete de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et wapentacis et de denageldis et omnibus geldis et de omnibus aliis rebus, sicut mea dominica maneria, et habeant sacam et socam et tol et team et infangeneteof. Et nullus vicecomes vel servientium meorum inde se intromittant nisi per eas. Et si aliquid placitum vel querela, undecumque sit, super eas evenerit, ponatur in respectum usque in presentia mea. T(este) Henr(ico) ep(iscopo) Winton(iensi). Apud Winton(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 159/72, m. 10.
Date: Stephen's mother Adela d. 1137.

577. Marmion, Robert (1144–54, probably *c.* 1144, at Southwell)

Grant to Robert Marmion III of the land of his father and grandfather

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus justiciariis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francie et Anglie et Walie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Roberto Marmiun totam terram Rogeri avi sui et Roberti Marmiun

patris sui de quocunque illam tenuissent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod teneat bene et in pace et honorifice, in bosco et plano in aqua et semitis in via et in omnibus aliis locis cum sacca et socca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus cum quibus avus suus et pater ejus melius tenuerunt et quietius, et sicut carta regis Henrici illa ei testatur. Testibus Ricardo de Lucy, et Ricardo de Canvilla, et Osberto Mart(el), et Hugone de Essart(is). Apud Sutwellam.

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 21 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 10; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 12, f. 21 (from Pat. R.).
Printed: **C.P.R. 1396–9*, p. 287.
Date: Robert Marmion II (son of Roger Marmion) d. 1144 (Hen. Hunt. 277). This charter most probably follows immediately after.

578. Marmoutier, Abbey of (1144–50, at Argentan)

Duke Geoffrey gives general confirmation for the priory of Héauville

G(alfridus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) episcopo Constantiensi et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus Constantini salutem. Precipio et volo quod monachi Sancti Martini Majorismonasterii de Heavilla teneant omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas et omnes res suas que pertinent ad elemosinam meam de Heavilla ita bene et in pace et honorifice et juste et quiete sicut melius et quietius tenuerunt tempore regis H(enrici). Et nemo eis vel rebus eorum ullam injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Teste Thoma cancellario. Apud Argent(omum).

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., Collection de Touraine, xxxi. 57, no. 8 (*vidimus* of 1524).
Printed: *Haskins 141; *A.H.R.* xx. 29; Delisle–Berger, no. 29.

579. Martel, Walter (? Nov. 1137–Jan. 1138, at Worcester)

Settlement, coram rege, *whereby Emma, daughter of Grimbald the physician, gave her rights in her father's land to Walter Martel*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia coram me et concessu meo quietam clamavit et in manum meam reddidit Emma filia Grimbaldi medici totam terram que fuit patris sui, tam eam unde saisita erat tam eam que de jure suo erat unde saisita non erat. Et ego, coram illa et concessu ejus, dedi et concessi eam totam Waltero Mart(el) in feodum et hereditatem sibi et heredibus suis post eum, et ipsa ei pepigit quod eam ei ad posse suum ubique warantizabit, et de terris illis unde ipsa saisita non est quas Walterus clamabit ipsa eum juvabit ad posse suum ad eam dirationandam ad custamentum Walteri. Et affidavit ipsa se et heredes suos in manu Willelmi Martell(i) se sine dolo tenere. Et pro hoc concessu dedit ipse Walterus ipsi Emme coram me i annulum auri. Et Johannes Mar(escallus) cujus ipsa hoc fecit consilio affidavit se ex sua parte hoc sine dolo tenere. Et Atselina uxor ipsius Grimbaldi terram suam quam tenet in pace tenebit dum vixerit de ipso Waltero, et postea terra illa redibit in dominicum ipsius Walteri. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneat in omnibus rebus et locis, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et omnibus libertatibus ad eam pertinentibus cum quibus Grimb(aldus) unquam liberius tenuit vel aliquis an(te) eum. Testibus G(ualerano) com(ite) de Metll(enti), et R(oberto) com(ite) Legre(cestrie), et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et A(lberico) de V(er), et R(oberto) de V(er), et H(ugone) Big(od), et G(alfrido) de Magnavilla, et E(ustachio) filio Joh(ann)is. Apud Wirecestr(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *E 40/14898 (original, $7\frac{1}{5}'' \times 7''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 478), with tongue and wrapper but no seal).
Date: Eustace fitz John fell from favour in Feb. 1138 (J. Hex. 291), and the Earl of Leicester was apparently in Normandy from Dec. 1135 till the end of Nov. 1137.

580. Mauclerc, Gerald (1151–3, at Rouen)

Duke Henry grants him land in the atrium of Rouen Cathedral

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) H(ugoni) Roth(omagensi) archiepiscopo et omnibus justiciis suis Roth(omagi) et probis hominibus Roth(omagi)

salutem. Sciatis quod concessi G(iroldo) Malo Clerico terram Reinaldi de Sancto Walerico de at(r)io Sancte Marie, et prece et concessu Reinaldi pro servitio suo ad faciendam domum suam de petro et fusto ad placitum suum. T(estibus) Godardo de Vallibus, et Warino filio Geroldi, et teste Willermo filio Hamonis. Apud Roth(omagum). Valete.

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun. *MS. Y 44, f. 110b.
Printed: Delisle-Berger, no. 41*; *C.D.F.*, no. 12 (abstract).
Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou but not Duke of Aquitaine, and in Normandy. Gerald had in fact paid Reginald of St Valery 16 silver marks, and his son Bernard 1 silver mark, for the land (Y. 44, f. 110v).

581. Mauduit, William (5–7 May 1141, at Reading)

The empress grants Barrowden (co. Rutland)

M(atildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis [et] Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod reddidi et concessi in feodo et hereditate[1] Will(el)mo Maledocto camerario meo Bergedunam cum socha quam ibi Mich(ael) de Hameslapa antecessor suus habuit ad tenendum in capite sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis ita bene et honorifice sicut Matildis regina mater mea dedit eam Michaeli de Hameslapa antecessori suo quam Willelmus de Albin(iaco) tenebat de rege Henrico per xx libras ad firmam; et pro hac redditione dedit mihi c marcas argenti de relevamm(ento). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in via et semitis in aquis et molendinis infra burgum et extra in omnibus locis cum socha sacha toll team infangeneth(ef) et cum omnibus libertatibus quietudinibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus antecessor suus predictus Mich(ael) melius et liberius tenuit. Testibus T(heobaldo) ar(chi)ep(iscop)o Cant(uariensi), Will(el)mo[2] (*sic*) ep(iscop)o S(anc)ti D(avi)d, R(oberto) com(ite) Gloec(estrie), com(ite) Rein(aldo) Cornub(ie), Mil(one) Gloec(estrie) con[estabulo],[3] Gaufr(ido) Boterell(o), W(illelmo) Diffubulato, Joh(anne) Marisc(allo), Willelmo canc(ellario), Rad(ulfo) Paienell, W(illelmo) Paienell, Rob(erto) fil(io) Mart(ini). Apud Radina(m).

[1] *MS.* et in feodo hereditate [2] *recte* Bernardo [3] *MS.* com

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 28024, f. 49 (Beauchamp Cartulary).
Printed: H. W. C. Davis in *Essays in History presented to R. L. Poole* (1927), p. 183; Richardson and Sayles, *Governance of Mediaeval England*, 433.
Date: See Davis, op. cit. 182–4. For Barrowden see *V.C.H. Rutland*, ii. 169–70.

582. Mauduit, William (*c.* 7 June 1153, at Leicester)

Duke Henry restores to him the office of chamberlain etc. with the chamberlainship of the treasury

H(enricus) dux Normann(orum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis consulibus et baronibus vicecomitibus justic(iis) et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norman(nie) et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddisse et concessisse Will(elm)o Maledocto cam(erario) meo in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis ministerium cam(er)arie mee sicut ipse habuit in anno et die quo rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, et totam terram que ad camerariam pertinet in Normannia et in Anglia, et nominatim castellum de Porcest(r)a cum toto honore, et totam terram Mich(ael)is de Hamslap(a) sicut rex Henricus eam illi dedit, et Bergedonam cum tota soca quam regina Matill(dis) dedit Mich(ael)i et mater mea illam Willelmo reddidit. Insuper etiam reddidi eidem camerariam mei thesauri cum liberatione et cum omnibus pertin(entiis), castellum scilicet de Porcest(r)a ut supradiximus, et omnes terras ad predictam camerariam et ad predictum castellum pertinentes sive sint in Anglia sive Normannia sicut pater suus illam camerariam cum pertinentiis melius habuit et sicut Rob(er)tus Maledoctus frater suus eam habebat die qua vivus fuit et mortuus, et totam terram patris sui sicut pater suus eam melius et liberius umquam tenuit, illa conditione quod dum ego vixero non mittam eum vel heredem suum de terra illa in placitum, et si aliquis heredum meorum illum vel heredem suum in placitum [inde][1] vellet mittere, priusquam illum in placitum mitteret, excangium equivalens de dominio suo ei inde

[1] *MS.* no(n)

daret. Preterea eidem dedi in augmentum sui feodi pro bono serv(itio) Haverbergam et Engedonam cum tota soca et constab(u)laria de Richegeam in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et de meis heredibus, et centum libratas terre in dominio meo, et de terris mihi accidentibus de primis meis conquisitionibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut idem Willelmus omnia ista predicta bene et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat in bosco et in plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et extra, in viis et semitis et in omnibus locis cum tol et team cum soca et saca et infangenthef et cum omnibus libertatibus et cum liberis consuetudinibus predictis terris et honoribus pertinentibus. T(estibus) Will(elm)o canc(ellario), Will(elm)o Cun(in), R(oberto) com(it)e Leg(recestrie), Rog(ero) com(it)e Heref(ordie), Ric(ard)o de Hum(eto) const(a)b(u)l(ari)o, Manes(sero) Bis(set) dap(ifero), Walchel(ion) Mamin(ot), Hug(one) de Bello campo, Joh(ann)e de Bid(un), Halenall fr(atr)e suo, Rad(ulfo) de Chaham, et Will(elm)o le Crevocer, Joh(ann)e Maledocto, Henr(ico) fil(io) Ger(oldi). Apud Legrecestr(am).

MS:. B.M. Add. MS. 28024, f. 21v.
Printed: Dugdale, *Baronage*, i. 398 (abstract); Richardson and Sayles, *Governance of Mediaeval England*, 434.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and at Leicester.

583. Meaux Abbey (Jan. 1154, at Dunstable)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciar(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis H(enrici) avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum regum Anglie et pro salute mea et pro anima M(atildis) regine uxoris mee et E(ustachii) filii mei donationem illam quam W(illelmus) com(es) Albemarlie fecit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et monachis de Melsa, scilicet villam Melse et boscum de Ruda et totam Wagna(m), scilicet tam partem illam que est de patrimonio suo quam illam partem quam tenet de archiepiscopo et passagium et ecclesiam predicte ville; et hanc predictam terram videlicet xii carucatas terre, ii scilicet in Mels(a) et x alias in Wagna, clamo quietas et liberas de danegeld et de murdro et de omnibus geldis et de omnibus secularibus negotiis et servitiis et exactionibus. Concedo etiam et confirmo donationes baronum meorum, scilicet W(illelmi) Fossard et Rad(ulfi) filii Wymu(n)di hominis ipsius et W(illelmi) de P(er)cy et W(illelmi) de Rumar et uxoris ejus Agnetis de Albemarle et Gaufridi Dagun hominis ipsius et omnes alias donationes baronum Eboracensisscire et hominum eorum quas vel dederunt rationabiliter vel daturi sunt. Quare volo et precipio quatenus ecclesia prefata et monachi teneant et habeant omnes terras et tenuras illas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et omnibus locis cum soca et saco et tol et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et quietantiis cum quibus ecclesia Beati Petri Ebor(acensis) tenet et habet. T(estibus) Henrico de Essexa, Ric(ard)o de Luci, Ric(ard)o de Canvilla, Warnero de Lusoris, Hug(one) de Essartis. Apud Donestaplam.

MSS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 424, f. 65, Add. MS. 26736, f. 17v; P.R.O. Pat. R. 15 Ed. III, pt. ii, m. 12, and 5 Hen. VI, pt. i, mm. 8 and 7.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1374–7*, 465; *E.Y.C.*, no. 1385.
Date: As for **584**, and after the death of the queen and Eustace.

584. Meaux Abbey (Jan. 1154, probably at Dunstable)

Duke Henry's confirmation in identical terms

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum *archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciariis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici* avi *mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum regum Anglie et pro salute mea et pro anim*a patris mei *donationem illam quam W(illelmus)*

comes Albemarlie fecit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et monachis de Melsa, scilicet villam Melse et boscum de Ruda et totam Wagnam, scilicet tam partem illam que est de patrimonio suo quam illam partem quam tenet de archiepiscopo, et passagium et ecclesiam dicte ville; et hanc predictam terram videlicet xii carucatas terre, duas scilicet in Melsa et x alias in Wagna, clamo quietas et liberas de danegeld et de murdro et de omnibus geldis et de omnibus secularibus servitiis et exactionibus. Concedo etiam et confirmo donationes baronum meorum, scilicet W(illelmi) Fossard et Radulfi filii Wymundi hominis ipsius et W(illelmi) de Percy et W(illelmi) de Rumar et uxoris ejus Agnetis de Albemarle et Gaufridi Dagun hominis ipsius et omnes alias donationes baronum Ebor(acensis)scire, et hominum eorum uas vel dederunt rationabiliter vel daturi sunt. Quare volo et precipio quatenus ecclesia prefata et monachi teneant et habeant omnes terras et tenuras illas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et omnibus locis, cum soca et saca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et quietantiis cum quibus ecclesia Beati Petri Eboracensis tenet et habet. T(estibus) Manasse Byset, Henr(ico) Byset, Ric(ardo) de Humez, et aliis.

MS.: B.M. *Lansdowne MS. 424, f. 65.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1386.
Date: **583** and **584** are almost identical, as shown by the passages in italics. They were presumably issued in Jan. 1154 when Stephen and Duke Henry were together at Dunstable.

585. Missenden Abbey (1136, before 26 Nov., at Dunstable)

Confirmation of the foundation and endowment of the abbey by William de Missenden

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Cantuarie et episcopis et abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia consilio et assensu Willelmi Cantuar(iensis) archiepiscopi et Sancte Romane Ecclesie legati et Alex(andri) Linc(olniensis) episcopi fundata est quedam abbatia in diocesi episcopi Linc(olniensis) pretaxati in territorio Messenden, in feodo Willelmi Messend(en), et ibi abbas institutus eo (*sic*) ordinatus est et regulares sub eo canonici degentes secundum consuetudinem matris sue ecclesie de Nemore de pago Teresino unde ipsi exeuntes huc venerunt. Omnes itaque illius abbatie possessiones quas predictus Willelmus ei dedit in terris et pratis et nemore et in consuet(udinibus) universis ita ego illi concedo et regia auctoritate illi ecclesie in perpetuum optinendas confirmo et inconcussas manere statuo sicut idem Willelmus ei dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut episcopus Linc(olniensis) hec carte sue attestatione corroboravit. Suscipio etiam et retineo in protectione et tutela mea hanc de qua loquimur abbatiam et omnes ipsius possessiones, et firmiter precipio ut terre ejus et cetera que ad eam pertinent eandem habeant libertatem et quietationem quam habent cetere abbatie regni mei que libere sunt et quiete tamquam elemosine mee. Testibus Alex(andro) ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi), et Ric(ardo) canc(ellario), et Rob(er)to de Oilli, et Rob(er)to filio Walteri. Apud Dunestapele.

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3688, f. 187; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 33 (incomplete).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 13.
Date: Before the death of Archbishop William of Corbeil (26 Nov. 1136). Jenkins thinks that Richard was the chancellor of the Bishop of Lincoln; more likely the cartulary scribe has written Ric(ardo) for R(ogero).

586. Missenden Abbey (1136–40—possibly 1140—at Windsor)

Confirmation of the grant made by Richard of Urville, archdeacon of Buckingham

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincol(niensi) justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Bugynkghamsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea et Eustachii filii mei et M(athildis) uxoris mee ecclesie Sancte Marie de Messendena et canonicis in ea deo servientibus donationem illam quam Ricardus de Urvilla archidiaconus de Bukingham eis fecit de medietate dominii sui quam ipse tenebat in Messend(ena). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia prefata et canonici totam prefatam medietatem teneant ita bene et in pace

libere quiete et honorifice cum grava et prato sicut ipse prefatus archidiaconus eis eam dedit et divisit et per cartam suam confirmavit, scilicet medietatem illam dominii terre sue prefate quam ipse tenebat in Messenden.[1] Testibus Rog(e)r(o) de Fisc(anno), et Rad(ulf)o cancell(ario) regine, et Ingelram(o) [de] Say, [et] Will(elm)o Mart(el). Apud Wyndr(esores).

[1] *B.W. adds* de feodo de Berkham(stede)

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS 3688, f. 187; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 35 (incomplete).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 14.
Date: Roger of Fécamp does not date after 1140 (*E.Y.C.* 135). The date 1140 is given in the lost cartulary which Browne Willis copied.

587. Missenden Abbey (1141–5, at Devizes)

The empress confirms William de Buckland's gift of Richard d'Urville's land

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Messend(ena) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus illam donationem quam Willelmus de Bokelanda eis fecit de hida quam Ricardus archidiaconus de Bukingham tenuit apud Messend(enam) et de omnibus aliis ad eandem hidam pertinentibus sicut ea ipse Willelmus eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie teneant in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in viis et semitis et in omnibus locis cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus que ad ea pertinent sicut umquam predictus Ricardus archidiaconus vel aliquis antecessorum ejus melius et liberius et quietius et honorabilius et plenarius tenuit, ne super hoc aliquis aliquam eis inde faciat injuriam vel contumeliam ullo modo. Testibus Roberto comite Gloec(estrie), et Regina(ldo) com(ite) Cornub(ie), et Rob(er)to de Linc(olnia), et Will(elm)o de Pontearche, et Hub(erto) de Wallibus, et Thom(a) Basset. Apud Divisam.

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3688, f. 24; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 12 (calendared).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 64.
Date: William de Buckland's gift was confirmed by Eugenius III in 1145 (Jenkins, op. cit. iii. 219–20).

588. Missenden Abbey (1139–45, at Henley)

Grant of the king's mill at Headington (Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Messend(ena) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam molendinum de Hedendona quod Kyngesmulna vocatur cum omnibus ad idem molendinum pertinentibus in bosco in plano et terra arabili et in pratis et in pascuis et in aquis et in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis rebus sicut erat in manu mea quando eis dedi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefata ecclesia teneat predictum molendinum bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et consuetudinibus que ad illud pertinent cum quibus erat in manu mea. Et nemo eis inde faciat molestiam sive injuriam. Testibus Turg(isio) de Avrenc(is), et Will(elm)o de Caisn(eto), et Menfenino Britone, et Osberto Martell. Apud Henlei(am).

MSS. B.M. *Harley MS. 3688 f. 187v; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 78 (incomplete).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 16.
Date: Before the fall of Turgis of Avranches (early 1145). The grant was confirmed by Eugenius III in 1145 (Jenkins, op. cit. iii. 219).

589. Missenden Abbey (1138–54, at St. Albans)

Confirmation of the grant of Turstin Mantel

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Bugynkhamschir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Messend(ena) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus

donationem illam quam Turstinus Mantellus eis fecit de xviii acris terre sue de Messend(ena) in elemosinam. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et canonici terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni seculari exactione et servitio sicut predictus Turstinus eam illis dedit et concessit. Testibus Will(elm)o Mart(el), et R(oberto) comite de Ferrar(iis), et Ric(ard)o de Canville. Apud S(an)c(tu)m Albanu(m).

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3688, f. 87; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 37 (incomplete).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 15.
Date: Robert Ferrers cr. earl in 1138. The grant is not mentioned in the papal confirmation of 1145, and therefore may be later.

590. Missenden Abbey (1135–54 (and possibly 1148), at London)

Confirmation of 3 hides in Arncot (Oxon.) given by Roger de Calz

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Oxenefordschir(a) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo donationem illam quam Rogerus de Calz fecit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Messend(ena) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus de tribus hidis terre quas habebat in Hernicote. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut predicti canonici terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus cum quibus prefatus Rogerus vel aliquis antecessorum suorum illam melius et liberius tenuerunt, et in perpetuam elemosinam sicut idem Rogerus eis illam dedit et concessit. Testibus Rob(er)to de Ver, et Wydone filio Tesc', et Walkelino Wisdelou, et Rob(er)to de Spineto. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3688, f. 187; Bodl. Lib., Browne Willis MS. 5, f. 72 (incomplete).
Printed: Jenkins, *Missenden Cartulary*, i. 15.
Date: This grant is not mentioned in the papal confirmation of 1145 (ibid. iii. 219–20) and therefore may be later. In the lost cartulary copied by Browne Willis, Roger de Calz's own charter (also witnessed by all these 4 witnesses) is dated 1148 (Jenkins, iii. 74).

591. Montacute Priory (1136–Mar. 1137, at Reading)

General confirmation of lands

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Bath(oniensi) et episcopo Exonie et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Sumerseta et de Devenescira et de Dorseta et de Cornualia et de Hantesc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me pro salute Willelmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum Willelmi regis secundi et Henrici regis et Mathill(idis) regine et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro salute et incolumitate mei ipsius et statu regni mei concessisse donationem quam Willelmus comes Moritonii et homines sui fecerunt deo et sanctis apostolis ejus Petro et Paulo ad locum Cluniac(ensem) de terris et rebus suis, videlicet ecclesiam Sancti Petri juxta castellum suum apud Montem Acutum sitam cum pom(er)iis et vineis et terram quam idem comes sive homines sui ibidem de manerio quod dicitur Bissopeston(a) dederunt vel ubi daturi sunt; burgum quoque et mercatum ejusdem ville et omnia quecumque comes ibi habuit in dominio suo; manerium etiam Clowesword(e) et manerium Crich(e) cum Ha(m)ma et Eteneb(er)ga et manerium de Cinnoc et Mudiford et Thorne et ecclesiam de Gersic cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, et xx solidatas terre in Gersic Hunecroft et Luverlay et terram que dicitur Baresfeld, et terras que dicuntur Warneford et Dydelinc et terras que dicuntur Meleb(er)ia et Widecumba et terras que dicuntur Forde et Denewoldesham et Legha(m) et Fridesha(m) et Nigahyde et Culun et x solidatas terre in Colintonia et manerium de Tintenela cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis. Et ecclesiam de Sancto Neoto cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, tam in terris quam in decimis, et ecclesiam de Alt(re)nuna cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, et ecclesiam de Sancto Carentoco cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et ecclesiam de Brimetona cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, et ecclesiam de Tintenella cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et ecclesiam de Gerlingetuna cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et ecclesiam de Lerchi cum omnibus appendiciis suis et beriwicham

Pennard et de decimis et duas partes decimar(um) de Acford et decimam de Cinnoc et medietatem decimarum de Ciselb(er)ga, et decimas de Clatford et de Nortuna et de Merscetuna et de Candel et de Trop et de Cernel et de altero Cernel et de tertio Cernel, et de Tolre, et de Hoc, et de Puntintuna, et de Lodra, et de Dyrwinestuna, et de Bichehella, et de Hetsecumba. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneant cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangent(eof) et omnibus consuetudinibus suis sicut umquam melius et honorificentius tenuerunt vel aliquis antecessorum suorum. Hec omnia sicut ipsi dederunt vel daturi sunt ego concedo. Et ut donatio eorum et mea concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat, regali auctoritate precipio et hanc conscriptionem inde factam sigilli mei appositione confirmo et signo sancte crucis manu propria consigno. T(estibus) H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi), et Rog(er)o ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et Roberto de Ver, et Milon(e) de Gloec(estria), et Pag(ano) fil(io) Joh(annis), et Hug(one) Bigot. Apud Rading(as). Per cartam H(enrici) regis.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Trinity College MS. 85, f. 21.
Printed: *Som. Rec. Soc.* viii. 122 (no. 5) (absract).
Date: Payn fitz John d. 10 July 1137, and Stephen went to Normandy in Mar. 1137. Cf. **592**.

592. Montacute Priory (June–Aug. 1136, at Exeter)

General confirmation of liberties

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Bath(oniensi) et episcopo Exon(iensi) et omnibus justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus et ministris et prepositis de Sumerseta et de Devenescira et de Dorseta et de Cornwalia et de Hantescir(a) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie et Normannie salutem. Sciatis me pro salute Willelmi regis avi mei et avunculorum meorum Willelmi regis secundi et Henrici regis et Matildis regine et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro salute et incolumitate mei ipsius et statu regni mei concessisse et in perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Monte Acuto et monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes donationes quas Henricus rex et Willelmus comes Moritonii et homines ejusdem comitis et ceteri barones Anglie et Normannie fecerunt predicte ecclesie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi qui ibidem deo deserviunt habeant et inperpetuum teneant omnia maneria sua et omnes mansiones suas terras et redditus et ecclesias et decimas et homines et res et possessiones suas ubicumque sint in bene et in pace libere et honorifice plene et integre quiet(a) de sciris et hundred(is) geldis et scott(is) placitis et omnibus querelis de scutag(iis) et hidag(iis) et danegeld(is) et assisis et latrociniis et murdr(is) et de turn(is) vicecomitis, et de communi misericordia comitatus et hundred(orum), et de opere castellorum et pontium et parcorum, de summagio et collectis de werpeni, de averpeni, de hundredpeni et de thethingpeni et werstef (*sic*) et de forfeng et de omnibus que contingent facienda per Angliam. Et habeant ferias suas de Tintenhulle et Hamedon(a) liberas per tresdecim dies duraturas et socam et sacam tholl et thiem et infangentheof; et hundred(um) de Monte Acuto et mercatum cum theloneo; et hundred(um) de Tintenella et hundred(um) de Hunesb(er)ga cum omnibus appendiciis suis et hundred(um) de Crich cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et hundred(a) de Legha et Friseham in Devenescir(a) cum omnibus appendiciis suis adeo libera sicut ego habeo mea hundreda in omnibus placitis assisis et querelis et sicut umquam melius et liberius et honorabilius et plenius eadem hundreda habuit et tenuit Willelmus comes Moritonii. Et habeant omnes alias libertates et liberas ubicunque consuetudines suas et quietancias suas in bosco et in plano in pratis et in pascuis in viis et semitis in feriis et mercatis in aquis et molendinis in stagnis et vivariis et in piscariis, infra burgum et extra et in omnibus locis et in omnibus rebus. Hec omnia supradicta concessi et in perpetuam elemosinam confirmavi predicte ecclesie Sancti Petri de Monte Acuto et monachis ibidem servientibus. Et ut eorum donatio et mea concessio rata et inconcussa inperpetuum permaneat, regali auctoritate precipio et hanc conscriptionem inde factam sigilli mei appositione confirmo et signo sancte crucis manu propria consigno, quia predicta ecclesia Sancti Petri de Monte Acuto et monachi qui ibidem deo deserviunt et maneria sua et terre sue et homines sui et res et mansiones et possessiones sue ubicumque sint et omnia que sua sunt in mea propria manu et custodia et protectione

consistunt sicut propria elemosina regis Henrici et sicut proprium dominicum ipsius atque meum. T(estibus) H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi), et Rog(er)o ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), Rob(ert)o de Ver, R(ogero)[1] canc(ellario), et Milon(e) de Gloec(estria), et Pagano filio John-(an)is, et Hugon(e) Bigot. Apud Exon(iam).

[1] *MS.* Ric(ardo)

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Trinity College MS. 85, f. 21[v].
Printed: *Som. Rec. Soc.* viii. 122 (no. 6) (abstract).
Date: Payn fitz John d. 10 July 1137. Probably during the siege of Exeter (June–Aug. 1136).
591 and **592** are both dubious documents. The witness-lists are possible, but it is odd that they are so nearly the same, though given at different places.

593. Montacute Priory (1138–45, at Creech, Som.)

The monks to hold their lands in peace

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) H(enrico) episcopo Wint(oniensi) et R(oberto) episcopo Baton(iensi) et S(effrido) episcopo Cicestr(ensi) et R(oberto) episcopo Exon(iensi) et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris in quorum bailliis ecclesia Sancti Petri de Monte Acuto terras habet salutem. Precipio quod prior et monachi de Monte Acuto teneant terras suas et ecclesias suas et decimas suas et omnes teneduras et omnes res suas quecunque sint ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut Willelmus comes Moritonii et alii barones eis et predicte ecclesie dederunt, et sicut rex Henricus eas eidem ecclesie per cartam suam confirmavit, et ego deinceps per meam, quas inde habent. Et si quis super hoc eis inde quicquam abstulerit vel difforciaverit, plenariam eis facite justitiam, ne super hoc audiam inde clamorem pro justitie vestre penuria. Et per omnia in rectis suis eos manutenete. Test(ibus) Ing(elramo)[1] de Sai, et Ric(ardo) de Cam(villa). Apud Crucham.

[1] *MS.* Vig.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Trinity Coll. MS. 85, f. 22.
Printed: *Som. Rec. Soc.* viii. 123 (no. 7) (abstract).
Date: Robert Bishop of Exeter was nominated 10 Apr. and cons. 18 Dec. 1138. Seffrid Bishop of Chichester was deposed in 1145.

594. Montebourg Abbey (*c.* 15–25 Mar. 1137, at Bayeux)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus filiis Sancte Ecclesie per Angliam et Normanniam constitute salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Monteburg(o) et abbati et monachis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patrum et antecessorum meorum et salute mea et uxoris et fratrum et filiorum meorum, et pro statu et incolumitate regni et ducatus mei omnes has subscriptas elemosinas quas antecessores mei et alii fideles eidem contulerunt ecclesie et cartis et scriptis suis confirmaverunt, scilicet manerium de Lodres in Dorseta, et manerium Wica(m) in insula Vecte cum omnibus ei pertinentibus. In Normannia quoque decimam molendinorum Ric(ardi) de Redv(er)s de eadem villa et duas partes decime totius terre ipsius Ricardi in eadem villa, et terram Huberti sacerdotis, et decimam molendini de Beaura(n)t, et dimidiam Fulcardivillam, et dimidiam carrucatam in Escogernelvilla et ecclesiam ejusdem ville, et mansuram unius villani in Sebevilla, et decimam molendinorum et anguillarum de Nigellihulmo, et terram quam Willelmus de Redev(er)s habuit in Monteburgo, et decimam molendini de Gounovilla,[1] et decimam molendini et foreste de Farmanbruil, et decimam molendini de Turlavilla, et decimam vaccariarum Ricardi ipsius de Bruis, et terram quam habuit Adeliz soror illius Ricardi et Ricardus de Ansg(er)ivill(a) in villa B(e)n(e)d(ic)ta, et terram et mercatum Montisburgi que[2] avus meus rex Willelmus eis dedit cum omnibus aisiamentis suis de lignis in foresta ad focum et clausuram suam et pascione porcorum et pastura animalium ceterorum. Et in foresta de Bruis materiem ad ecclesiam et ad omnia edificia sua, et unam mansuram apud Barbatum-fluctum et Maisnillum Sancti Cyricii usque ad medium fluvii ville cum ecclesia et terram Rann(ulfi) Estannicon que est in Coieris,[3] et iii mansuras terre in

[1] *A* Gunnonvilla [2] *A* quam [3] *A* Coeris

Sortovilla,[1] et terram Rosce, et terram i carruce in eadem villa quam tenet filius Mascherel, et xxx acras in Joganvilla, et terram i carr(uce) in Ancerdevilla,[2] et dimidiam molendini de Aldevilla, et decimam de Gandevilla, et decimam de Gatevilla de terra Bros, et terram de Fulcardivilla quam Rogerus de Magnavilla eis dedit, et ecclesiam de Morfarvilla cum feria et terris et decimis et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus que[3] Sanson de Morfarvilla eis dedit concessu Roberti de Novoburgo et fratrum ejus, et partem ecclesie Gatevill(e) quam eis dedit Walterus Broc concessu comitis Rann(ulfi). Et ut hec omnia superscripta cum omnibus libertatibus et quietationibus suis cum quibus ab antecessoribus meis et aliis fidelibus data sunt illi ecclesie quieta et inconcussa in sempiternum remaneant sicut carte regum et aliorum patronorum testantur, regia hoc auctoritate confirmo et sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum testimonio communio. Testibus R(icardo) episcopo Baioc(ensi), et A(lgaro) episcopo Const(antiensi), et G(aleranno) comite Metill(enti),[4] et R(oberto) comite Gloec-(estrie), et R(oberto) de Curci, et W(illelmo) de Montefich(et), et R(oberto) Malet, et Will(elmo) Glast(onie), et Rogero vic(ecomite), et Rad(ulfo) et Ric(ardo) fratre suo de Haia. Apud Baiocas. Anno Incarnationis Dominice m°cxxxvi, regni vero mei secundo.

[1] *A* Soortoevilla [2] *MS.* Andevilla *deleted and corrected to* Ancerdivilla *in contemporary hand*; *A* Amundiville [3] *A* quam [4] *A* Metll'

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 10087, p. 14; B.M. Add. MS. 15605, f. 10ᵛ (=*A*) (copy of *inspeximus* of 1315).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introd.*, p. 117 (incomplete).
Date: After Stephen's arrival in Normandy and before Mar. 25 when the new year (1137) began.

595. Montebourg Abbey (1144–50, at Argentan)

Duke Geoffrey gives a general confirmation with an additional grant of land near the forest

Ego Goffr(edus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) relatione multorum cognoscens audiendo et audiens cognoscendo quoniam H(enricus) rex predecessor meus abbatiam Montisburgi Sancte Marie tanquam propriam capellam nimio dilexit amore diligendo custodivit, augmentavit, nobilitavit, simil(iter) abbatiam eamdem in mea custodia et in tuitione capio, et quicquid ille contulit vel concessit in bosco et in plano et in omnibus consuetudinibus et in omnibus modis unde habent monachi cartas et brevia prefate abbatie diligenter annuo. Insuper illi addo do et concedo in perpetuam elemosinam perpetuo jure habendam pro salute mea et filiorum meorum necnon et predicti regis omniumque predecessorum meorum illam terram que est in suo aisimento inter suam terram et forestam usque ad rivulum sicut oritur et descendit de veteri fonte ad ipsum rivulum cum alveo. Concedo ita ut rivulus fosseat(us) sit firma divisa inter eos et forestam, cum constet quia redditus nichil inde foreste minuitur, sed melius clauditur munitur atque defenditur. T(estibus) Thoma cancellario, Alex(andro) de Boh(un), Ric(ardo) de Haia, Ri(cardo) de Wauvill(a), W(illelmo) Avenel, Olivier de Albiniaco, Gisleberto archid(iacono), Rob(erto) de Valoniis, Rob(erto) Bordel, Unfr(ido) de Bosevill(a), et multis aliis. Apud Argent(omum).

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 10087, p. 17 (no. 35).
Printed: Haskins, 139 (no. 4).
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

596. Montebourg Abbey (1144–50, at Lisieux)

Duke Geoffrey's confirmation with freedom from tolls etc.

Ego Gaufridus comes Andegavis (*sic*) et dux Normannorum cunctis baronibus meis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus hominibus meis salutem. Sciatis quod habeo in mea propria custodia abbatiam de Monteburgo, omnes monachos, et omnes res ad eos pertinentes tanquam meam propriam elemosinam sicut habuit rex Henricus antecessor meus. Et concedo abbatie et ipsis monachis quicquid concessit eis predictus rex in omnibus rebus et in omnibus consuetudinibus et unde habent ipsius regis cartas et brevia, et ut habeant omnes consuetudines suas in forestis meis liberas et quietas, et focum in Monteburgo, et ut sint quieti a theloneo et consuetudine ubicunque vendant vel emant vel conducant aliquid quod

homines eorum possint affidare esse proprium ecclesie et monachorum, et omnes donationes baronum quas dederunt vel dederint ipsi ecclesie. Precipio igitur vobis ut abbatiam et quicquid ad eam pertinet manuteneatis et defendatis et regatis sicut meam propriam elemosinam, ne pro penuria recti inde clamorem audiam. T(estibus) Will(elmo) de V(er)no(n), Alex(andro) de Bohun, Pag(ano) de Claris vall(ibus), Th(oma) cancellario, Rob(erto) de Curc(eio). Apud Luxov(ium). ✠ Preterea concedo eidem abbatie coram supradictis testibus illam terram que est inter suam terram et forestam usque ad rivum, et ipsum rivum sicut descendit de veteri fonte, et quoddam warlocum quod est in altera parte.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 10087, p. 17 (no. 36).
Printed: Haskins, 139 (no. 5).
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

597. Montfort, Thurstin de (2–3 Mar. 1141, at Winchester)

The empress grants a Sunday market at Beaudesert (Warws.)

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia Rogero comiti de Warewic et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Warewicscir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Turstino de Mont(eforti) quod habeat mercatum die dominica ad castellum suum de Bellodeser(to). Volo igitur et firmiter precipio quatenus omnes euntes et stantes et redeuntes de mercato predicto habeant firmam pacem. Teste Milone de Glocestria. Apud Wintoniam.

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 17, p. 54; B.M. Harley MS. 5019, f. 144v.
Printed: Dugdale, *Baronage* i. 407 (abstract); *G. de M.* 65 n.
Date: Necessarily Matilda's first visit to Winchester, before she was *domina Anglorum*.

598. Mortemer Abbey (1137, at Lyons-la-Forêt (Eure))

General confirmation with additional grants by King Stephen

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis et ministris Normannie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie mee de Mortuomari in Leons et abbati et monachis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici fundatoris illius ecclesie, et pro animabus patrum et parentum meorum et uxoris et filiorum et fratrum meorum, et pro salute mea et incolumitate regni mei Anglie et ducatus Normannie omnia illa que rex Henricus eis dedit et concessit, scilicet locum ipsum in foresta cum omnibus aisiamentis suis. Et preter hoc omnia essarta de valli Mortuimaris, ita quod quiete et sine omni redditu illa essartent, et quod nemo in valle illa aliquid talliet vel essartet nisi per illos. Et preter hoc pasnagium et pasturam et omnia aisiamenta sua libera et quieta sine omni consuetudine in porcis et pecudibus et lignis ad focum suum et lignis ad materiem et omnibus aliis necessariis in foresta ipsa. Et preter hoc terram quam rex Henricus eis dedit in landa de Belfuisel in qua grangiam unam faciant, et ad opus ipsius grangie et fratrum ibi commorantium de foresta ipsa omnia aisiamenta sua accipiant. Et preter hoc adcrevi eis in eadem landa terram quam eis ipsemet liberavi et metas statui per manum Willelmi de Reumara sicut mete ipse testantur. Et preter hoc dedi eis heremitagium de Boschentino cum cxl acris terre circa locum ipsum, ut ibi grangiam unam faciant et omnia aisiamenta sua et fr(atru)m ibi morantium a foresta habeant. Et preter hoc dedi eis unam sedem molendini super calcedam stagni mei superioris de Leonibus in quo suum proprium molant bladum, et ad alia propria agenda sua et propria aisiamenta sua. Et ut omnia ista libera et quieta et inconcussa illi ecclesie in sempiternum permaneant in elemosinam sempiternam presentis sigilli corroboratione et subscriptorum testimonio confirmavi. Testante A(delulfo) episcopo de Carl(eolo), et Matilli(di) regina uxore mea, et Galer(anno) comite de Metll(en)t, et R(oberto) comite Legr(ecestre), et Willelmo de Reum(ar)a, et Hugone de Gornaco, et Ric(ardo) filio Ursi, et Willelmo Pevr(ello) de Dovera, et Walch(elino) Maminot, et Ingelranno de Guascolio. Apud Leones actum.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 18369, f. 25.
Printed: *Neustria Pia*, p. 738 (imperfect); Delisle–Berger, Introd., p. 118 (incomplete); *C.D.F.*, no. 1404.
Date: While Stephen was in Normandy. For the circumstances see the narrative from the cartulary in Bouquet, *Recueil*, xiv. 510–11.

599. Mortemer Abbey (11 Oct. 1147, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey grants land in the valley of Mortemer, Belfuissel, and Bos-Quentin (Seine-Mar.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Gaufridus dux Normannie et comes Andegavensis H(ugoni) archiepiscopo Rotomagensi et episcopis Normannie et omnibus baronibus baillivis et amicis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod ego dedi ecclesie Beate Marie Virginis de Mortuomari et fratribus ordinis Cisterciensis ibidem deo servientibus in ipsa valle Mortuimaris xxx acras terre pro salute anime Fulchonis regis Jer(usa)lem patris mei et Erkenburgis comitisse matris mee, et pro salute anime mee et Matildis uxoris mee filiorumque meorum, et pro anima regis H(enrici) atque omnium amicorum meorum, ad libitum suum excolendas. Et in landa de Belfuissel clvii et apud Boschentinum cxliii, pasturas etiam suas et pasnagia omnesque aisientias sibi necessarias tam in edificiis suis agendis quam etiam in ceteris actionibus suis libere et quiete imperpetuum possidendas. Et hoc quidem concedentibus Matilde videlicet uxore mea, filiisque meis Henrico, Gaufrido atque Willelmo, ita tamen si terra supramemorata fossatis fuerit terminata. Quod totum ut semper ratum permaneat sigilli mei impressione confirmo. Testes hujus rei sunt Ricardus cancell(arius), Willelmus de Rom(ara) comes Linc(olnie), Willelmus de Vernon, Robertus de Novoburgo, Alexander de Boh(un), Osb(ertus) de Caileio, Eng(elranus) de Wascoil,[1] Joisl(inus) e Tur[onibus],[2] Goffredus de Bruer(ia). Hec vero concessio facta est et hec carta data apud Rotomagum anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°XL°VII° a Pascha precedenti, mense Octobris, v Idus ejusdem mensis, epacta xxviii.

[1] *MS.* Walcoil [2] *MS.* Turr(e)

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 18369, p. 26.
Printed: La Roque, *La Maison d'Harcourt*, iii. 152, iv. 1396, 1636, Supplément, p. 8; *Neustria Pia*, p. 779; *C.D.F.*, no. 1405.

600. Mortemer Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

Duke Henry's general confirmation with the addition of 80 acres in Belfuissel

Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et episcopis Normannie et omnibus baronibus baillivis et amicis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod ego concessi ecclesie Beate Marie Virginis de Mortuomari et fratribus ordinis Cisterciensis ibidem deo servientibus in ipsa valle Mortuimaris xxx acras terre pro salute anime mee et pro salute animarum parentum et omnium amicorum meorum ad libitum suum excolendas, et apud Bosquentin cxliii et in landa de Belfuissel clvii, que omnia pater meus illis donaverat concedente Mathilde imperatrice matre mea et me ipso et Gaufrido atque Willelmo fratribus meis. Et preter hoc ex mea propria donatione superaddidi eisdem fratribus de Mortuomari lxxx[a] acras terre in supradicta landa de Belfuissel, concedente item Mathilde imperatrice matre mea et prenominatis fratribus meis. Pasturas etiam suas et pasnagia omnesque aisiantias suas in omnibus sibi necessariis tam edificiis suis agendis quam etiam ceteris actionibus suis per totam forestam meam de Leons libere et quiete inperpetuum possidendas, ita tamen si terra supramemorata fossatis fuerit terminata. Ad totum ut inperpetuum ratum permaneat sigilli mei impressione confirmo. T(estibus) Arnulfo Lexoviensi episcopo, Willelmo cancellario, Rainaldo de Sancto Valerico dapifero meo, Waltero Giffart comite de Longavilla, Alexandro de Bohun, Osberto de Cailleio, Roberto de Wennesval, Rogero de Pavliaco, Ricardo de Hu(m)mez, Willelmo filio Hamonis, Warino filio Geroldi, Hugone de Dovera, Wachelino Maminot, Herveio de Novilla, Engeranno portario. Actum apud Rothomagum anno ab incarnatione M°C°L°.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 18369, p. 53.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 36*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1406 (abstract).
Date: The date given at the end of the text (1150) is incompatible with Henry's titles, and Delisle thinks it was added by the writer of the cartulary, especially since the dating formula is abnormal.

601. Mortemer Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

Duke Henry grants all the beehives found by the monks in the forest of Lyons (Eure)

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et omnibus episcopis Normannie abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus justiciis et ministris et fidelibus totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse deo et Beate Marie et conventui fratrum de Mortuomari omnia vasa apum que fratres eorum invenerunt per totam forestam meam de Leons in elemosinam perpetuam ad luminaria ecclesie pro salute anime mee et parentum atque omnium amicorum meorum. Et precipio ne quis super hoc aut super ulla re que illis a me collata est aut concessa eos inquietare vel quamcumque molestiam illis inferre presumat, quia tam ipsos quam que ipsorum sunt in mea manu retinui et in mea defensione illos habeo et semper habere volo, nec portare ullatenus possem si quis eos vel bona ipsorum vexaret turbaret seu quocumque modo minueret, aut libertates a me concessas interdiceret. Preterea quecumque auctoritas apostolica illis confirmavit integra et illibata eorum usibus profutura summopere conservari volo et precipio, tam in decimis quam in ceteris quibuscumque rebus. Actum apud Rotomagum. T(estibus) Arnulfo Lexoviensi episcopo, Mauricio capellano, Reginaldo de Sancto Walerico dapifero meo, Alexandro de Bohun, Guil[1] (*sic*), Willelmo filio Hamonis, Nicholao de Stotavilla, Osberto de Hosa.

[1] *Presumably a bad start for* Guillelmo filio Hamonis, *but not deleted*

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 18369, p. 54.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 37*; *C.D.F.*, no. 1407.
Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou, before he was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was in Normandy.

602. Mortemer Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

Duke Henry grants 10 acres of forest in the valley of Mortemer

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) Engelranno portitori et baillivis suis de Leons salutem. Sciatis me dedisse deo et Sancte Marie de Mortuomari et fratri Jord(ano) x acras de foresta mea de valle de Mortuomari vel ad virgultum faciendum vel ad dandum in decambium (*sic*) pro terra u(bi) fiat. Teste Odone hostiario. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 18369, p. 59.
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 38*.
Date: As for **601**.

603. Morwick (1135–54)

Grant to Ernulf fitz Hugh (de Morwick) of the land which he held in Henry I's reign

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justiciariis etc. de Northumberland salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Ernulfo filio Hugonis totam terram quam tenet de me in capite etc., sicut tenuit melius tempore regis Henrici etc.

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 1985, f. 97.
Printed: *Arch. Aeliana*, 4th series, xii (1935), 274.
Ernulf's father was Hugh fitz Eudo. Ernulf's son Hugh (fl. 1181–7) was the king's *dapifer*, so possibly Ernulf's grandfather was the great Eudo dapifer (A.M. Oliver, 'Early History of the Family of Morwick', *Arch. Aeliana*, 4th series, xii (1935), 263–76).

604. Newburgh Priory (1145–54, at Laceby (Lincs.))

Freedom from tolls and customs

Stephanus rex Anglorum justiciariis et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancte Marie de Novoburgo sint quieti de theoloneo et omnibus consuetudinibus, ipsi et omnes res quas poterunt affidare

esse suas, ne super hoc aliquis eos vel res suas infestet. Teste Willelmo filio Hacon(is). Apud Leisebi.

MS.; P.R.O. Pat. R. 18 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 43.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1391–6*, p. 526.
Date: Newburgh Priory was founded in 1145/50.

605. Newhouse Abbey (1143–52)

Grant of 20 librates of land at Kirmington in the soke of Caistor (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Linc(olniensi) justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Linc(olnescire) salutem. Sciatis quia pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustacii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Marcialis de Neuhus et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus xx solidatas terre in Kirmingtona de dominio meo de sokna de Castre. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia Sancti Marcialis et canonici bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete teneant has prefatas xx solidatas terre et homines in eadem terra manentes cum saka et sokna et toll et theam infangenetheof et cum omnibus [liberis][1] consuetudinibus ad eandem terram pertinentibus et sicut elemosinam meam dominicam.[2] Testibus.

[1] *illegible* [2] *MS.* dominiam

MS.: Newhouse Cartulary (Earl of Yarborough, Brocklesby Park, Lincs.), f. 64v (no. 676). (Transcript by H.M. Colvin.)
Date: Newhouse was founded in 1143. Apparently before the death of the queen.

606. Newhouse Abbey (Aug. 1153–Oct. 1154)

Grant of the church of Glentworth (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Linc(olnescire) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancti Marcialis de Neuhus et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Glentwyrda cum pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et successorum meorum et pro animabus Henrici regis et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustacii filii mei. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia Sancti Marcialis et canonici ibidem deo servientes habeant et teneant et in perpetuam elemosinam possideant predictam ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quietam et liberam et solutam ab omni seculari servitio et exactione. Testibus.

MS.: Newhouse Cartularly (Earl of Yarborough, Brocklesby Park, Lincs.), f. 64v (no. 675). (Transcript by H. M. Colvin.)
Date: Presumably after the death of Eustace (17 Aug. 1153).

607. La Noë, Abbey of (1166–7, at Le Pré, Rouen)

The empress grants £40 of land for building the abbey

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis abbatibus baronibus justiciis et omnibus suis fidelibus de terra Normannie salutem. Sciatis quod ego terram quandam pro xl libris emi, quam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Noa et monachis ibidem deo servientibus ad construendum ejusdem loci coenobium pro salute anime mee et animarum patris et matris mee et Gaufridi comitis Andegav(orum) et filiorum meorum Gaufridi et Willelmi in perpetuam donavi elemosinam; terram autem illam totam, videlicet que est inter viam molendini de Chatmel et propriam terram predictorum monachorum, et inter superiorem viam Eboricensem et aquam Ithuni, emi a Mauricio de Bonavilla et Roberto sacerdote et fratribus ejus Rocel(ino) et Rogero, et a Thoma milite, et a Giroldo de Hopelande, et Roberto nepote suo, Willelmo fratre Thome, et ab Evrardo de Chattmel et filiis ejus; Roberto comite Mellenti et Richerio de Aquila dominis ejusdem terre

concedentibus.[1] De denariis autem predictis habuit Mauricius de Bonavilla et Radulfus frater ejus xiii libras; Th(omas) et Willelmus frater ejus et avunculus ejus Geroldus viii libras et v solidos; Evrardus de Chattmel et filii ejus viii libras et x solidos; Rob(ertus) sacerdos de Bonavill(a) et fratres sui viii libras; Laurencius de Guare(n)bolvill et Willelmus frater ejus pro concessione xx solidos habuerunt concedente domino eorum Hug(one) de Laceio; duo filii Roscel(ini) iiii solidos; duo filii Rogeri iiii solidos. Predictam vero donationem ut rata sit firma et inviolabiliter inperpetuum permaneat sigilli mei munimine confirmo et corroboro. Testibus Rog(er)o archidiacono Brionii, Will(elm)o malo nepote, Rog(ero) de Hoto, Hug(one) de Bachepint, Rob(er)to de Altaribus, Will(elm)o de Brochenneio, Mauricio de Bonavill(a), Rob(erto) Esoir, Rad(ulfo) de Cressennio, Thoma Sessario, et Anchilthillo de Guarenbolvill(a). Apud Pratum.

[1] *Monast. ends here with* etc. *Gall. Christ. ends here with* Testibus Ro(trodo) archiepiscopo Rotomagensi, B (*sic*) episcopo Lundon(iensi), Ric(ardo) de Hum(eto) conestabulo. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: P.R.O. *Norman Roll, 7 Hen. V, pt. 2 (C. 64/12), m. 19.

Printed: *Monast.* vi. 1098 (incomplete); *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 396 (from *Monast.*); *Gal. Christ.* (1874) xi, App. 133, from a cartulary.

Date: Robert I Count of Meulan d. 1118; Robert II succ. his father Waleran in 1166; Matilda d. 10 Sept. 1167. (Similarly, if the *Gall. Christ.* witness list were accepted, it must be while Rotrou was archbishop, i.e. after 1165.) The date of the foundation of La Noë (Cistercian) has often been given as 1144, but ours is the foundation charter.

608. Normandy (1137, at Évreux)

Penalties due to the Church for infringements of the Truce of God

S(tephanus) *rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus et omnibus filiis et fidelibus sancte Ecclesie per Normanniam constitute salutem. Sciatis quia in presentia H(uganis) Rothomagensis archiepiscopi et Johannis Lexoviensis et A(udini) Ebroicensis et J(ohannis) Sagiensis et A(lgari) Constantientis episcoporum et omnium baronum meorum subscriptorum communi consilio et assensu, hoc de occisoribus qui homines in treviis et pace Ecclesie occidunt et trevias infringunt statutum et firmatum est quod, si occisorem illum aliquis duello appellare voluerit, duellum illud in curia mea tenebitur; et si inde convictus fuerit, episcopus ille in cujus diocesi hoc factum est emendam suam, id est ix librarum de pecunia convicti, per manus justicie mei habebit; si vero de pecunia illius amplius remanserit, hoc meum erit; si vero pecunia illius ad illas ix libras perficiendas non suffecerit, totum illud minus episcopus habeat, ita quod nichil inde ad opus meum accipietur, donec episcopi totam emendam habeant si pecunia illa ad hoc suffecerit. Si vero defuerit qui occisorem illum duello probare velit, ipse occisor in Ecclesia Dei per judicium Ecclesie se purget, et si convictus ibi fuerit, idem fiat de emenda episcoporum et mea sicut scriptum est superius. Si quis occisorum et infractorum justicie subterfugerit et de terra mea exierit, de emenda idem erit; et si mecum pacem fecerit, emenda episcopi in pace quam fecero non erit, set reddet eam episcopo vel pacem inde cum eo faciet.* Testibus [Adelulfo] episcopo Carlol(ensi), et G(alerano) comite de Mell(en)t(o), et Unfrido de Buhun, et Roberto Avenello. Apud Ebroicas.

MSS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, *G. 122, f. 9 (cartulary of cath. chapter), and G. 6, f. 8v (cartulary of the see).

Printed: Delisle–Berger, *Introd.*, p. 117; *C.D.F.*, no. 291 (abstract).

Date. While Stephen was in Normandy. Passages in italics from Henry I's charter, *Regesta*, ii. 1908.

609. Normandy (1136–9, at Witham (Essex) or Wytham (Berks.))

Grant to the Norman bishops of episcopal and synodal rights, and of fines due from breaches of the Truce of God

S(tephanus) dei gratia (*sic*) rex Angl(orum) et dux Norm(annorum) H(ugoni) Roth(omagensi) [archiepiscopo et][1] episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus in Norm(annia) commorantibus tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Quoniam altissimus dominatur in regno hominum et cui voluerit dabit illud pro ejus honore et mea

[1] *f. 67 omits*

salute, consilio et assensu principum et fidelium meorum statui et firmavi tibi Hugoni archiepiscopo tuisque successoribus et omnibus episcopis Norm(annie) jura omnia episcopalia et synodalia reddi. Et de his qui treviam Dei infringunt et in treviam Domini homines occidunt, similiter statui quemadmodum rex H(enricus) avunculus meus teneri mandavit, videlicet si occisorem in trevia Domini aliquis duello probare voluerit, duellum illud in curia mea erit, et si occisor ille convictus fuerit, episcopus in cujus diocesi treviam Dei infregit emendam suam, id est ix libras de rebus convicti, justicia meo cogente, primum habebit. Si vero res convicti non suffecerint ad faciendas illas ix libras, quicquid ibi minus fuerit, totum illud episcopus habebit. Et de rebus convicti nichil ad opus meum accipietur donec prius totam emendam suam habuerit episcopus. Si vero defuerit qui occisorem in trevia Dei duello probare voluerit, tunc ille occisor per ministros ecclesie vocatus, aperta lege judicii aut aque vel ignis sese purgabit. Et si convictus fuerit, ibi de episcoporum emenda quod superius scriptum est justicia meo cogente fiat. Si autem infractor trevie Dei justiciam subire noluerit, simili modo emendam suam habebit episcopus, cogente justicia meo. Et si occisor qui fugerit postea pacem mecum fecerit, pro pace mea non tolletur episcopo emenda sua, sed reddet eam episcopo vel satisfaciet de ea cum eo. Ego denique qui deo primum obedire debeo omnes inobedientes condempno et tam rigore gladii quam censura episcopali puniendos decerno. Testibus H(enrico)[1] episcopo Wint(oniensi), et B(ernardo) episcopo Sancti David(i), R(oberto) episcopo Baton(iensi), Willelmo Martel, G. de Pomeraia. Apud Witheham.[2]

[1] *f. 46* Hugone [2] *f. 46* Winteham

MSS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., *MS. Y. 44, ff. *67 and 45v.
Printed: Bessin, *Concil.* i. 81; Pommeraie, *Concil.* 145; Delisle-Berger, *Introd.*, p. 119; *C.D.F.*, no. 9 (abstract).
Date: While Stephen had power in Normandy (1135–43), but before Henry Bishop of Winchester was papal legate (29 Aug. 1139–24 Sept. 1143).

610. Northampton, St. Andrew's Priory (1135–54, at Northampton)

General protection

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod monachi Sancti Andree Norh(amp)t(oniensis) teneant terras et ecclesias et decimas et omnes res suas in burgo et villa et elemosinis bene et in pace juste libere et honorifice sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia, nec implacitent[ur] nisi nominatim precepero. Teste canc(ellario). Apud Norh(amp)t(onam).

MSS.: B.M. *Royal MS. 11 B. ix, f. 22v, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xvii, f. 24.

611. Northampton, St. Andrew's Priory (1136–53, at Northampton)

Confirmation of the land given by William of Avranches in Sywell (Northants.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et Comiti Simoni et justic(ie) [et] vic(ecomiti) [et] baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norh(am)t(on)sire salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Willelmus de Abrinc(is) fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Andree et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de manerio de Siwelle et ejus pertinentiis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi illud manerium cum pertinentiis teneant et inperpetuum possideant bene et in pace libere honorifice et quiete in omnibus rebus et libertatibus et consuetudinibus ei terre pertinentibus, sicut idem Will(elmu)s de Abrincis illas melius et liberius tenuit et sicut ipse illas eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Test[ibus] Comite Symon(e), Ricardo de Canvill(a), Roberto Grimbo[1] [vice]comite. Apud Norhampton(am).

[1] *Cotton MS.* Gri(m)bonid comite

MSS.: B.M. *Royal MS. 11 B. ix, f. 22, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xvii, f. 24.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 190.

612. Northampton, St. Andrew's Priory (1136–54, at York)

Confirmation of Earl Simon's gift of one of the mills and 7 acres at [King's] Thorpe (Northants.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincol(niensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norh(amp)t(on)sire salutem. Sciatis quia pro dei amore et pro salute anime sue Sim(on) Com(es) dedit et concessit deo et Sancto Andree et monachis Norh(amp)t(one) unum ex molendinis de Torp, illud scilicet quod propinquum est abathie sue, et preter illud vii acras terre ibidem. Ego autem donationem illam concedo ratam et inconvulsam esse sigilli mei attestatione corroboro. Test[ibus] Rob(ert)o comite de Legrec(estria), Ric(ard)o de Cha(n)vile, et Normanno de Verdon, Will(elm)o de Caisn(eto), et Hugone de Halding. Apud Eboracum.

MSS.: B.M. *Royal MS. 11 B. ix, f. 22v, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xvii, f. 24.

613. Northampton, St. Andrew's Priory (1136–53, at London)

Confirmation of land given by Nicholas fitz Serann in Bures (Essex)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo London(iensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam Nich(olaus) fil(ius) Sera(n)ni fecit ecclesie Sancti Andree de Norh(amp)t(ona) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de terra sua de Buris in [elemosina][1] cum pertinentiis ejusdem terre. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus sicut prefatus Nichol(aus) eam illis dedit et concessit coram me quando receperunt eum ad faciendum monachum. Test[ibus] Com(ite) Sim(one), W(illelmo) Mart(el), Rob(erto) de Craft, Walt(er)o de Bailol. Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *MS.* ecclesia

MSS.: B.M. *Royal MS. 11 B. ix, f. 23, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xvii, f. 24.
Date: Earl Simon d. Aug. 1153, and styled earl from *c.* Easter 1136.

614. Northampton, De la Pré Abbey (1145–54, at Cambridge)

Confirmation of the gift made by Earl Simon

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donationem illam quam comes Simon fecit ecclesie sancte Marie de Norhantona et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo servientibus in terris et molendinis et aliis tenuris et redd(itibus). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et sanctimoniales teneant omnia que de dono ejusdem comitis habent, bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus que pertinent ad illas tenuras, sicut idem comes Sim(on) illas eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de Ver(e), et Ric(ardo) de Canvilla, et Will(elmo) de Caisn(eto). Apud Cantebrig(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 2 Ed. III, m. 15.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 86 (no. 1).
Date: The foundation-date of De la Pré abbey is usually given as *c.* 1145, but the evidence is uncertain. See F. M. Stenton, *Facsimiles of Early Charters from Northamptonshire Collections* (Northants. Rec. Soc. iv (1930), 144–5.

615. Norwich, Carrow Priory (1136–Mar. 1137, at Oxford)

Grant of 25s. of land in Norwich fields for the foundation of their church

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte

Marie et Sancti Johannis de Norwico et monialibus meis ibidem deo servientibus, illam terram excultibilem quam habeo apud Norwicum in campis, videlicet xxv solidatas terre, et pratum ad terram illam adjacens. Et volo quod in ipsa terra fundent ecclesiam suam. Et preterea concedo eis et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant hec omnia predicta, et omnes res suas alias, et teneduras et homines infra burgum et extra, de quocumque teneant, sicut unquam melius et honorificentius tenuerunt, et sicut ego ipse liberius terram predictam tenui dum in manu mea esset, cum soca et saca, et toll et team, et infangenetheof, et cum omnibus libertatibus cum quibus ego ipse melius tenui. Et preter hoc, si quis eis aliquid contulerit beneficii a deo retributionem accipiet et a me dignas gratias. Et prohibeo ne super hoc aliquis eis aliquam presumat inferre molestiam. T(estibus) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et Hug(one) Big(od)[1], et R(oberto) fil(io) Ric(ardi). Apud Oxenef(ord).

[1] *MS.* Wig'

MSS.: Norwich D. and C., *Reg. i, f. 153ᵛ; P.R.O. Pat. R. 1 Ric. II, pt. vi, m. 26, and 26 Hen. vi, pt. ii, m. 10.

Printed: *Monast.* iv. 70.

Date: Robert fitz Richard died in 1137. Stephen went to Normandy towards the end of Mar. 1137. The text seems inflated.

616. Norwich Cath. and See (1136, at Oxford)

General confirmation of lands and fairs

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus baronibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Norwyco[1] et Ebrardo[2] episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus omnia dona subscripta que rex Henricus vel alii an(te)cessores mei vel quicumque fideles dederunt eis et monachis in ecclesia illa deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam sicut carte eorum testantur, scilicet manerium de Thorp cum omnibus ei adjacentibus ex dono regis Henrici sicut illud in manu sua habuit liberum et quietum in omnibus consuetudinibus; et Gabetonam de dono Willelmi regis avunculi mei cum omnibus ei pertinentibus; et Niwetonam et Etonam cum omnibus pertinentibus eis ex dono regis Henrici; et partem de burgo meo de Norwyco[1] a terra episcopi usque ad aquam, et a ponte Sancti Martini usque ad terram Sancti Michaelis ex dono regis Henrici, cum omnibus consuetudinibus sicut erat in manu regis. Et prolongationem feriarum apud Norwycum[3] ab ortu solis in vigilia Pent(ecostes) per totam ebdomodam[4] (*sic*) usque ad occasum solis in secunda feria post octabas Pent(ecostes) cum omnibus consuetudinibus que ad jus feriarum pertinent, et hoc per totam leucam circa Norwic(um).[3] Item feriam unam apud Lynam[5] in festo Sancte Margarete per tres dies. Item feriam unam apud Hoxam in festo apostolorum Petri et Pauli per tres dies. Et volo et precipio quod [6]bene et in pace[6] et libere teneant in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in via et semitis, in burgo et extra, in aqua et extra, in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca tol et tem[7] et infangenethef[8] et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus pertinentibus terris illis et ad jus feriarum sicut carte regis Henrici et regis Willelmi testantur. T(estibus) W(illelmo) arch(iepiscopo) Cant(uariensi), et H(enrico) ep(iscopo) Wint(oniensi), et R(ogero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et A(lexandro) ep(iscopo) Lync(olniensi), et N(igello) ep(iscop)o de Ely, et Comite Gloec(estrie)[9] Rob(er)to, et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, [et] M(ilone) Gloc(estrie). [Apud][10] Oxon(iam).[11]

[1] *MS. iii* Norwico [2] *MS. iii* Eborardo [3] *MS. iii* Norwicum [4] *MS. iii* ebdomadam
[5] *MS. iii* Linnam [6] *For* bene et in pace, *MS. iii reads* per tres dies [7] *MS. iii* them
[8] *MS. iii* infangenthief [9] *MS. iii* Glouc' [10] *MSS. i and iii* et per [11] *MS. iii* Exoniam

MSS.: Norwich D. and C., *Reg. i, f. 55ᵛ, Reg. ii, pt. ii, f. 27 (from Reg. 1), Reg. iii, f. 58ᵛ.

Date: Archbishop William d. 21 Nov. 1136. All the witnesses except Aubrey de Vere also attested **271** at Oxford in Apr. 1136. This charter confirms, *inter alia*, *Regesta*, ii. 762.

617. Norwich Cath. and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the churches of Bracon Ash (Norf.) and St. Selpulchre Norwich

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] Eburardo episcopo Norwyc(ensi) et toto clero et fidelibus suis de Norff(olchia) et Suff(olchia) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam deo

et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Norwyco et monachis in eadem ecclesia deo servientibus ecclesiam Sancti Nich(olai) de Brakendele[1] et ecclesiam Sancti Sepulcri de Norwyco quas Ric(ardus) de Belfag(o) tenebat in elemosina cum omnibus rebus que ad easdem ecclesias pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefati monachi ecclesias predictas teneant bene et in pace et libere et honorifice sicut Ric(ard)us de Belfag(o) vel aliquis ante eum unquam melius vel liberius tenuit. T(estibus) Rog(ero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), et Rog(ero) de Fisc(ampo),[2] et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Oxon(iam).

[1] *MS. iii* Brachedel [2] *MS. iii* Sir'

MSS.: Norwich D. and C., *Reg. i, f. 55, Reg. iii, f. 59, Reg. vii, f. 15.
Printed: F. Blomefield, *History of Norfolk*, iv (1806), p. 546 (incomplete).

618. Norwich Cath. and See (1146–54, at London)

The monks to have sac, soc, and free customs in their land at Yarmouth

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) W(illelmo) vicecomiti Norwic(ensi) et burgensibus suis de G(er)nemut(a) salutem. Precipio quod monachi de Norwico habeant sacam et socnam et omnes liberas consuetudines in terra sua de G(er)nemuta sicut eis concessi illas per cartam meam ut illas habeant in aliis terris suis. Ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel contumelia. T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Norwich D. and C., *Reg. v, f. 53v.
Date: William Chesney was sheriff of Norfolk 1146–63.

619. Norwich, St. Paul's Hospital (1135–40, at Westminster)

Grant of the alms which Odlent formerly had, viz. 3d. a day from the farm of Norwich

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicen(si) justic(ie) vicecom(iti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Northfolch(ia) et burgensibus de Norwic(o) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, pro anima regis Henr(ici) avunculi mei et pro salute mea et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustach(ii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum[1] meorum, deo et hospitali pauperum de Sancto Paulo de Norwic(o) elemosinam quam Odlent habebat de avunculo meo rege Henrico, videlicet iii denarios in die. Et vicecomes de Norf(olchia) reddat eam de firma mea procuratori hospitalis ad rectos terminos sine molestia apud Norwic(um). Concedo etiam hospitali decimam de halla mea de Ormesby de segete et de ovibus et de omnibus terris ad dominium ipsius halle pertinentibus et ecclesias meas et beneficia earum de eadem villa inperpetuum. Sit etiam predictum hospitale et omnes commorantes in crofto ejus liberi et quieti ab omnibus scotis et geld(is) et landgabla et danegeld(o) aliisque omnibus consuetudinibus cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof sicut elemosina mea.[2] T(estibus) Eber(ardo) episcopo Norwic(ensi), et Ric(ardo) episcopo de Abrinc(is), et Rogero de Fisc(anno), et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Hugon(e) Big(od), et Alberic(o) de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

[1] *Regs. i and ii* filiorum [2] *Regs. i and ii stop here*

MSS.: Norwich D. and C., *no. 1004 (loose 15th-cent. transcript), Reg. i, f. 55v, Reg. ii. f. 27.
Date: Aubrey de Vere d. 9 May 1140 or 1141. The charter confirms grants of Henry I (*Regesta*, ii. 1608, 1855, 1954).

620. Nostell Priory (1136–54, at Reading)

The Bishop of Carlisle and Canons of Nostell to hold their churches and lands in peace

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eborac(ensi) et justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et omnibus ministris suis de Eborac(i)syr(a) et omnibus dominis de quibus Adelolfus episcopus Carlol(ensis) et canonici Sancti Oswaldi tenent, salutem. Precipio quod Adelolfus episcopus Carlol(ensis) et canonici Sancti Oswaldi teneant omnes ecclesias suas et terras et omnes tenuras suas de quocumque teneant ita bene et in pace et honorifice sicut melius tenuerunt et inde saisiti fuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et si super hoc de aliqua

re sunt injuste et sine judicio dissai(si)t(i), resaisiantur, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam. T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Rading(as).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xix, f. 6v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1443; van Caenegem, no. 89.
Athelwold Bishop of Carlisle, previously a chaplain of Henry I, was the first Prior of Nostell, and apparently held the priory with his bishopric (*V.C.H. Yorks.* iii. 234).

621. Nostell Priory (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the fair at Nostell (W. Yorks.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] et dux Normannorum Turstino Eborac(ensi) archiepiscopo et Ilberto de Laceio et vicecomiti et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis Eboracisyre salutem. Sciatis me concessisse canonicis Sancti Oswaldi ut habeant feriam apud Nostel duobus diebus ante festum Sancti Oswaldi et in die festi et duobus diebus post festum, et bene et in pace et honorifice eam teneant cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis que ferie pertinere debent, sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et sicut ipse precepit per cartam suam. Et omnes homines ad ipsam feriam venientes et inde redeuntes cum omnibus rebus suis firmam pacem meam habeant. Et nullus eos disturbet nec aliquam contumeliam sive injuriam eis faciat super x libras forisfacture. Test(ibus) ep(iscopo) Carlol(ensi), et R[ogero][1] cancell(ar)io. Apud Oxinef(ordiam).

[1] *MS.* Reg

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xix, f. 6v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1441.
Date: While Roger was chancellor.

622. Nostell Priory (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirmation of a fair at Woodkirk (in Morley) (W. Yorks.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum T(urstino) Ebor(acensi) archiepiscopo et Ilberto de Laceio et vicec(omiti) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Ebora(ci)scire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse canonicis Sancti Oswaldi ut habeant feriam apud Wodekirke ii diebus ante festum Assumptionis Marie et in die festi, et duobus diebus ante festum Nativitatis Marie et in die festi; et bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice eam teneant cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis que ferie pertinere debent, sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et sicut ipse precepit per chartam suam. Et omnes homines ad ipsam feriam venientes et inde redeuntes cum omnibus rebus suis firmam pacem meam habeant. Et nullus eos disturbet nec aliquam contumeliam sive injuriam eis fac(iat) super decem librarum forisfacturam. Testibus ep(iscop)o Carelol(ensi), et Rogero cancellario. Apud Oxenef(ordiam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dodsworth MS. cxvi, f. 28 (apparently from a lost Chartul. of Nostell, p. 35).
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1442.

623. Nostell Priory (1136–40, at Northampton)

Solomon the clerk, son of Humphrey Hasteng, and the churches which he holds of the priory to be quit of gelds and pleas, as under Henry I

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomitibus) et ministris suis de Stadf(ordsira) et de Warwicsir(a) salutem. Precipio quod Salomon clericus filius Unfri(di) Hasteng et ecclesie Sancti Oswaldi quas ipse tenet de priori et canonicis sint ita in pace et quiete de geld(is) et plac(itis) et omnibus consuetudinibus sicut unquam melius fuerunt tempore regis Henrici et ante. T(este) Hug(one) Big(ot). Apud North(amtonam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xix, f. 6v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1444.

624. Nostell Priory (1153–4, at Lincoln)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancti Oswaldi et Sevardo priori et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus imperpetuum obtinenda omnia dona illa que rex Henricus avunculus meus eis dedit, et quecumque eis alii fideles dederunt vel canonice in futuro dederint, et quecumque tenuerunt die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus, de quocumque tenuissent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant sicut unquam melius et quietius tenuerunt. Testibus Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o de Ely, et Ric(ardo) de Curci, et Rad(ulfo) de Haia, et Adam de Bel[naco][1]. Apud Linc(olniam).

[1] *MS.* Belu'

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xix, f. 6v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 1447.
Date: Savard is said to have been elected prior in 1153 (*Monast.* vi. 91), though doubts remain.

625. Nostell Priory (1135–54, at London)

Grant of 3 bovates of land, formerly held by William Malesoures in Swinton (W. Yorks.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis de Eborac(i)syr(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Oswaldi et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus tres bovatas terre in Swinton(a) in perpetuam elemosinam, illas scilicet quas Will(elmu)s Malesoures tenuit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Rob(erto) de V(er), et Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xix, f. 6v.

626. Oseney Abbey (1136–40, at Oxford)

Grant of 5s. 5¾d. of landgavel etc. in the borough of Oxford which the canons used to pay

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam inperpetuum pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum antecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et Eustachii filii mei et Mathill(idis) uxoris mee, deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Oseneia et canonicis in ea deo servientibus quinque solidos et quinque denarios et obolum et quadrantem que mihi reddere solebant de langablo infra burgum Oxen(fordie) de terra illa que dicitur Octovirgate regis, cum brugablo et aliis omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus que ad terram illam pertinent. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia prefata et canonici illam terram teneant, de qua mihi reddere solebant predictos v solidos et v denarios et obolum et quadrantem, bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice, cum socha et sacha et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus quas ego inde habebam. Testibus G(alfrido) de Mandavilla, et Rob(er)to de Oleio, et Fulc(one) de Oleio, et Mainfenino Briton(e), et Rob(er)to de Arsic, et Rob(er)to de Belism(o), et Rog(ero) de Caisn(eto). Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.), *Oseney charter 878 (original, 8⅛″ × 3⅛″, in the hand of an Oseney scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 600) with a seal in white wax on a tag and in a bag). The seal is the forged version of Stephen's first seal, the same as used for **679**, **718**, and **963–4**.
Printed: *Oxford Charters*, no. 66 (facs. of charter and seal); Salter, *Cartulary of Oseney Abbey*, iv. 83; *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, lxix. 578 (incomplete).
Date: (if genuine) before Geoffrey de Mandeville was created Earl of Essex. For the 8 virgates of the king cf. **643**, **644**. In view of the forged seal, however, it seems most likely that the abbey received this landgavel first from the empress (**629**). When Stephen recovered Oxford at the end of 1142, they would have found it desirable to produce a charter which, because of its alleged 'first seal', clearly antedated the empress's occupation of the city.

627. Oseney Abbey (1139–40, at Oxford)

Grant of the 60s. alms of Peverel the priest

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) justic(ie) et baronibus et vicec(omiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenef(ordia) salutem. Sciatis quoniam Pevr(ellus) presbiter reddidit mihi illam elemosinam de lx solidis quam tenebat, et ego ipsam pro dei amore et salute anime mee et incolumitate totius regni mei dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam priori et canonicis de Oseneia, videlicet de Bensintona xxiiii^{or} solidos, et Beintona xxiiii^{or} solidos, et de Hedendona xii solidos. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti canonici teneant et habeant illam elemosinam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut unquam prefatus Pevr(ellus) vel aliquis ante eum melius vel plenius illam habuit. Testim(onio) A(delufo) episcopo Carlol(ensi), et Rob(er)to de Oleio, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Reeng(ero) fratre suo, et Hug(one) Wahac. Apud Oxeneford.

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.), *Oseney charter 986 (original, 8″ × 3½″, written in the same Oseney hand as **626** (T.A.M.B., no. 601), with remains of tag but no seal).

Printed: *Oxford Charters*, no. 67 (facs.); *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 348.

Date: (if genuine) Wm. of Ypres came to England early in 1139; Robert d'Oilly went over to the empress *c.* May 1141. Stephen was not in Oxford in early 1141. Cf. **630**.

628. Oseney Abbey (*c.* 30 Mar. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress informs the barons of the exchequer that she has granted the canons 5s. 5¾d. yearly from the farm of Oxford

M(athildis) imperatrix regis H[enrici] filia baronibus de scaccario salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod computetis quoque anno vicec(omiti) et preposito de Oxenf(ordia) in firmam de Oxenef(ordia) v s(olidos) et vi d(enarios) preter quadrantem de terra canonicorum de Oseneia quam eos illis quietos clamavi inperpetuum et ecclesie sue eos in perpetuam elemosinam dedi. Testibus Nig(ello) episcopo Elyensi, et Rob(erto) de Oilli. Apud Oxen-(fordiam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.), *Oseney charter 879 (original, 6″ × 2¼″, in the hand of *scriptor* xiv (T.A.M.B., S. 58) with impression of seal in grey wax on a tongue. Inscription on seal: MATHILDIS DEI GRAT . . . EGINA.)

Printed: *Oxford Charters* no. 68 (facs.); *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 83; *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, lxix. 578.

Date: Before Matilda was styled *Domina Anglorum* (8 Apr. 1141). She spent Easter (30 Mar.) 1141 at Oxford.

629. Oseney Abbey (June–July 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants Aldewere, landgafol, and burgafol in the city, the island of Langeney (in Binsey), and of land belonging to Stanton Harcourt (Oxon.)

M(atillidis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et sancte Marie de Oseneia et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus pro statu et stabilitate regni Anglie et sanitate et incolumitate domini mei comitis Andegavie et liberorum meorum ac mea et pro anima regis Henrici patris mei et regine Matill(idis) matris mee et antecessorum nostrorum et pro salute anime mee et remissione peccatorum meorum, gurgitem qui vocatur Aldewere liberum et quietum, qui solebat reddere per annum ad firmam meam Oxenefordie iiii solidos, et infra burgum Oxenefordie quinque solidos et quinque denarios et obolum et quadrantem, quos reddere solebant de langabulo per annum de terra illa que dicitur Octovirgate regis cum burgabulo et omnibus aliis rebus et consuetudinibus ad eam pertinentibus: et insulam de Langeneia cum omnibus ad eam perrtinentibus, quam Gaufridus camerarius de Glintona coram me eis in elemosinam concessit et quietam clamavit: et unam hidam terre de Stantona, que jacet apud Haneberge juxta pontem de Bladene, sicut regina Adelidis illam eis pro anima Henrici regis patris mei dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefata ecclesia et canonici predictas tenaturas teneant bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete cum socha et saca et tol et theam et

et infangenethef et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus quas habuerunt dum erant in dominio regis. Testibus D(avid) rege Scottorum, et Nigell(o) episcopo Ely, Bernardo episcopo Sancti David, Rob(erto) comite Glouec(estrie), Rob(erto) de Olleio, Walt(ero) archidiacono, Alexander de Buhun. Apud Oxneford(iam).

MSS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.),* Oseney charter 926 (original, $8\frac{2}{5}'' \times 5\frac{2}{5}''$, written in the same hand as **632** (*Oxford Charters*, p. vi), with tag but no seal, though the partchment has been badly stained by a seal). Copy in Christ Church, Oxford, Oseney Cartulary, f. 29^{v}, without witnesses.
Printed: *Oxford Charters*, no. 96 (facs.); *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 84.
Date: While King David was with the empress at Oxford.

630. Oseney Abbey (1141–2, at Oxford)

The empress grants the prebend of 60s. of Peverel the priest

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam canonicis de Osen(eia) prebendam illam de sexaginta solidis quam Peverell presbiter habuit et tenuit, que est in hiis tribus maneriis, scilicet in Bemsintona viginti quatuor solidos, et in Bampton(a) xxiiii solidos, et in Hedingdon(a) xii solidos. Unde volo et firmiter precipio quod prefatam prebendam teneant bene et in pace et libere et honorifice sicut unquam eam aliquis melius vel honorabilius tenuit. Testibus Alexand(ro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et R(oberto) episcopo Lond(oniensi), et cancellario, et Ead[wardo][1] abbate de Radingg(is), et Rob(erto) de Oyll(i), et Fulc(one) de Oyll(i). Apud Oxeneford(iam).

[1] *MS.* Eadmundo; *Ch.R.* G

MSS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *Oseney Cart., f. 108; B.M. Cotton MS. Vitellius E. xv, f. 90; P.R.O. Chart. R. 13 Ed. II, m. 4, Cartae Antiquae, Roll 5, m. 3, no. 9.
Printed: *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 349; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 392; *C.C.R.* iii. 420.
Date: While the empress was at Oxford. Cf. Stephen's grant, **627**.

631. Oseney Abbey (Apr. 1141–Nov. 1142, at Oseney)

The empress restores the prebend of Peverel the priest

Matildis imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina dominis et ministris de Bampton(a) et de Bempsinton(a) et Hedyndon(a) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quatinus reddatis canonicis de Osen(eya) prebendam illam que fuit Peverel presbiteri in terris et denariis et omnibus aliis rebus. Et teneant eam ita bene et in pace et libere sicut unquam Peverel melius et honorabilius. Teste Alexand(ro) episcopo Linc(olniensi). Apud Oxon(efordiam).

MSS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *Oseney Cart., f. 108; B.M. Cotton MS. Vitellius E. xv, f. 90.
Printed: *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 349.
Date: While the empress was *domina Anglorum* and before she lost Oxford.

632. Oseney Abbey (1142–8, at Devizes)

The empress confirms the church of St. George in the castle of Oxford etc.

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et Sancte Marie de Oseneia et priori et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute domini mei et mea et liberorum nostrorum et pro anima Henrici regis patris mei et pro anima Matild(is) regine matris mee et aliorum antecessorum nostrorum, ecclesiam Sancti Georgii que est in castello Oxenford(ie), cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, scilicet ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene que est in vico extra portam de nort; et terram de Waltona ex utraque parte vie per quam itur de Waltona ad castellum, sicuti Walterus archidiaconus eam tenet; et terram de Cudeslawia et de Coueleia cum ecclesia; et terram de Stowia et de Mortona cum ecclesia et capella; et terram de Wrtona et de Sa(n)ford, et duas hidas

de Ernicota, cum omnibus aliis rebus ad predictam ecclesiam Sancti Georgii pertinentibus, in decimis, in hominibus, in domibus, in terris et pratis et pascuis, in bosco et plano, sicut prefata ecclesia tenuit a tempore eorum qui eam fundaverunt, et sicut Henricus de Olleio et Joh(anne)s de Sancto Joh(ann)e coram me concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefata ecclesia et canonici predictas tenaturas habeant et teneant bene et in pace et honorifice, libere et quiete, cum socha et saca et toll et theam et infangenthef et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus quas habuer[un]t tempore H(enrici) regis patris mei. Testibus Rob(erto) filio regis fratre meo, et Rob(erto) filio Martini, et Joscel(ino) de Baill(olo), et Ern(ulfo) de Hesding'. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.), *Oseney charter 895 (original, 9½″ × 5″, written in the same hand as **629**; tongue and seal both missing). Copy in Christ Church, Oxford, Oseney Cart., f. 17ᵛ (incomplete).

Printed: *Oxford Charters*, no. 59 (facs.); *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 36.

Date: The reference to Henry d'Oilly suggests that he had already succeeded his father Robert d'Oilly II (d. Sept. 1142). The empress left England for good in 1148. Robert son of the king is not the Earl of Gloucester but Robert fitz Edith. See **633** n.

633. Oseney Abbey (1149–52, probably 1149, at London)

Confirmation of the church of St. George in the castle of Oxford

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Willelmus de Caisn(eto) et Ric(ardus) de Canvill(a) fecerunt ecclesie Sancte Marie de Oseneia et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus de ecclesia Sancti Georgii que in castello Oxenef(ordie) sita est. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici ecclesiam illam Sancti Georgii bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in terris et decimis et ecclesiis et omnibus redditibus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis et in omnibus aliis rebus et locis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quas eadem ecclesia umquam melius habuit, sicut predictus Ric(ardus) de Canvill(a) et Will(elmus) de Caisn(eto) illam eis concesserunt et dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. T(estibus) Rob(erto) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et Ilar(io) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), et M(atilde) regina, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Warner(o) de Lusor(is). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford (deposited in Bodl. Lib.), *Oseney charter 898 (original, 6¼″ × 5″, in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 598) with an impression of Stephen's second seal (damaged) in white wax varnished brown on a (torn) tongue).

Printed. *Oxford Charters* no. 61 (facs.); *Cart. of Oseney*, iv. 38.

Date: After Robert Chesney consecrated Bishop of Lincoln (19 Dec. 1148) and before the death of the queen (3 May 1152). The Oseney annals give the date as 1149, which is supported by Archbishop Theobald's confirmation before he became papal legate (i.e. before Oct. 1149/Mar. 1150).

Note that in **632** the empress confirmed the gift of St. George's church by Henry d'Oilly and John de St. John. Stephen now confirms the gift of the same church by William Chesney and Richard de Camville; and Salter was surely right to conclude (*Oxford Charters*, no. 61) that Stephen had therefore given the d'Oilly and St. John lands to these two men.

634. Oxford, Earl of (probably 25–31 July, 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants Aubrey de Vere an earldom amongst other things

M(atildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Comiti Alberico omnes terras et tenementa sua sicut pater ejus Albericus de Veer tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, videlicet in terris, in feoudis, in firmis, in ministeriis, in vadiis, in emptionibus, et hereditatibus. Et nominatim camer(ar)iam Anglie sicut Albericus de Veer pater ejus vel Robertus Malet vel aliquis antecessorum suorum eam melius vel liberius tenuit cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus que ad eam pertinent, sicut alia carta mea quam inde habuit testatur. Et do et concedo ei totam terram Willelmi de Abrinc(is) sine placito pro servitio

suo, simul cum hereditate et jure quod clamat ex parte uxoris sue sicut umquam Willelmus de Archis ea melius tenuit. Et turrim et castellum de Colecestr(ia) sine placito finaliter et sine escampa quam citius [ei] deliberare potero. Et omnes tenuras suas de quocunque eas teneat in omnibus rebus sicut carta sua alia quam inde habuit testatur. Et preter hoc do ei et concedo quod sit comes de Cantebruggesc(i)r(a) et habeat inde tertium denarium sicut comes debet habere, ita dico si rex Scotie non habet illum comitatum. Et si rex habuerit, perquirem illum ei ad posse meum per escambium. Et si non potero tunc do ei et concedo quod sit comes de quolibet quatuor comitatuum subscriptorum, videlicet Oxenefordscira, Berkscir(a), Wiltescir(a), et Dorsetescir(a) per consilium et considerationem Comitis Gloecestrie fratris mei et Comitis Gaufridi et Comitis Gisleberti, et teneat comitatum suum cum omnibus illis rebus que ad comitatum suum pertinent ita bene [et] in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut umquam aliquis comes melius vel liberius tenuit vel tenet comitatum suum. Concedo etiam ei in feudo et hereditate servitium Willelmi de Helion, videlicet decem militum ut ipse Willelmus teneat de Comite Alberico et ipse comes faciat inde michi servitium et michi et heredibus meis. Concedo etiam ei et heredibus suis de cremento Diham que fuit Rogeri de Ramis et rectum nepotum ipsius Comitis Alberici, videlicet filiorum Rogeri de Ramis. Et similiter concedo ei et heredibus suis Turroc que fuit Willelmi Peverelli de Notingeh(am), et terram Salamonis presbiteri de Tilleberia. Concedo etiam [eidem] Alberico Comiti quod ipse et omnes homines sui habeant et lucrentur omnia essarta sua libera et quieta de omnibus placitis que fecerant usque ad diem qua servitio domini mei Comitis Andegavie et meo adheserunt. Hec omnia supradicta tenementa concedo ei tenenda hereditarie in omnibus rebus sibi et heredibus suis de me et [de] heredibus meis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse Albericus Comes et heredes sui teneant omnia tenementa sua ita bene [et] in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut umquam aliquis comitum meorum melius vel liberius tenuit vel tenet. Et preter hoc do et concedo Gaufrido de Ver totam terram [que fuit] Gaudfridi Talebot in dominiis in militibus si eam ei warantizare potero; et si non potero, escambium ei inde dabo ad valentiam per considerationem Comitis Gaufridi Essex(ie) et Comitis Gisleberti et Comitis Alberici fratris sui. Et preter hoc concedo Roberto de Veer unam baroniam ad valentiam honoris Gaufridi de Ver infra annum quo potestativa fuero regni Anglie, vel aliam terram ad valentiam illius terre. Et preter hoc do et concedo [eidem] Comiti Alberico cancellariam ad opus Willelmi de Ver fratris sui, ex quo deliberata fuerit de Willelmo cancellario fratre Johannis filii Gisleberti qui eam modo habet. Hanc autem conventionem et donationem tenendam affidavi manu mea propria in manu Gaufridi Comitis Essex(ie). Et hujus fiducie sunt obsides per fidem et testes: Robertus Comes Gloec(estrie), et Milo Comes Heref(ordie), et Brianus filius Comitis, et Robertus filius regis, et Robertus de Curci dap(ifer), et Johannes filius Gisleb(erti), et Milo de Belloc(ampo), et Radulfus Pagan(el), et Robertus filius Heldebr-(andi), et Rob(ertus) de Oileio conestabularius. Et convent(ionavi) eidem Comiti Alberico quod pro posse meo Comes Andeg(avie) dominus meus assecurabit ei manu sua propria illud eidem[1] tenend(um), et Henricus filius meus similiter. Et quod rex Francie erit mihi obses si facere potero; et si non potero, faciam quod rex capiet in manu illud [idem] tenendum. Et de hoc debent esse obsides per fidem Juhel de Meduana, et Rob(ertus) de Sabloill et [Wido[2]] de Sabloill, et Paganus de Clarevall(e), et Gaufridus de Clarevall(e), et Andreas de Alvia, et Pepinus de Turon(is), et Absalon de Ruminard,[3] et Reginaldus Comes Corn-(ubie), et Baldwinus Comes Devonie, et Comes Gislebertus de Penb(roc), et Comes Hugo de Norfolc, et Comes Gaufridus de Essex, et Petr(us)[4] de Valon(iis), et alii barones mei quos habere voluerit, et ego habere potero, erunt inde obsides similiter. Et quod Christianitas Anglie que in potestate mea est capiet in manu supradictam conventionem tenendam eidem Comiti Albrico et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis. Apud Oxin(efordiam).

[1] *R* idem [2] *MS.* Willelmo *in error* [3] *R* Ruinard *or* Rumard [4] *Sic* MS.; *R* Patricius

MSS.: Oxford, Bodl. Lib., *Rawlinson MS. B. 248, f. 4 (de Vere cartulary); College of Arms, Vincent's transcript from the above, 1622.

Printed: A. Vincent, *Discoverie of Brooke's Errours* (1622), 397; Dugdale, *Baronage*, 190 (abstract); *G. de M. 180–3* (= *R*).

Date: As for **276** which has similar terms and identical hostages, witnesses, and place-date.

635. Oxford, Earl of (23 July–14 Sept. 1141)

Henry, son of King Henry's daughter, confirms grants made by his mother the empress

Henricus filius filie Regis Henrici rectus heres Anglie et Normann(ie) *archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iariis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie* et Normannie *salutem. Sciatis* quod sicut domina mea videlicet mater mea imperatrix reddidit et concessit ita reddo et concedo *comiti Alb(er)ico omnes terras et tenementa sua sicut pater ejus Alb(er)icus de Veer tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus videlicet in terris in feoudis in firmis in minist(e)r(iis) in vadiis in emptionibus et in hereditatibus. Et nominatim cam(er)ariam Anglie sicut Alb(er)icus de Veer pater ejus vel Robertus Malet vel aliquis ante(ce)ssorum suorum eam melius vel liberius tenuit cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus que ad eam pertinent sicut carta* matris mee *quam inde habuit testatur. Et do et concedo etiam ei totam terram Willelmi de Abrincis sine placito pro servitio* [*suo*[1]], *simul cum hereditate et jure quod clamat ex parte uxoris sue sicut umquam Willelmus de Arch(is) eam melius tenuit. Et turrim de Colecestr(ia) et castellum sine placito finaliter et sine escampa quam citius deliberare ea potero. Et omnes tenuras suas de quocumque eas teneat in omnibus rebus sicut carta* matris mee *quam inde habet testatur. Et preter hoc do ei et concedo quod sit comes de Cantebregshir*(a) *et habeat inde tertium denarium sicut comes debet habere. Ita dico si rex Scot(ie) non habeat illum comitatum; et si rex* illum *habuerit perquiram illum ei ad posse meum per escambium. Et si non potero tunc doo* (sic) *et concedo quod sit comes de quolibet quatuor comitatuum subscriptorum videlicet Oxenefordshir(a) et Berkesc(i)r(a) et Wiltesc(i)r(a) et Dorsetesc(i)r(a) per consilium et considerationem com(itis) Gloec(estrie)* avunculi *mei et comitis Gaufridi et comitis Gilleb(erti); et teneat comitatum suum cum omnibus rebus illis que ad comitatum suum pertinent ita bene* et *in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut umquam aliquis comes melius vel liberius tenet vel tenuit comitatum suum. Concedo etiam ei in feodo et in hereditate servitium Willelmi de Heliton*(a)[2] *videlicet x militum ut ipse Willelmus tenuit de comite Alberico. Et ipse comes faciat inde servitium michi et heredibus meis. Concedo etiam ei et heredibus suis de cremento Diham que fuit Rogeri de Rannis et rectum nepotum ipsius comitis, videlicet filiorum R(ogeri) Rames* (sic). *Et similiter concedo* ei[3] *et heredibus suis Turroc*[4] *que fuit Willelmi Peverell de Notingham et terram Salamonis presbiteri de Tilleberia. Concedo etiam eidem comiti Alberico quod ipse et omnes homines sui habeant et lucrentur*[5] *omnia assarta sua libera et quieta de omnibus placitis que fecerant usque ad diem qua* ad *servitium domini mei Comitis Andegavie et mei adheserunt. Hec omnia supradicta tenementa concedo ei tenenda hereditarie in omnibus rebus sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse comes et heredes sui teneant omnia tenementa sua ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie sicut umquam aliquis comitum meorum melius vel liberius tenuit vel tenet. Et preter hoc do et concedo Gaufrido de Veer totam terram* que fuit *Gaufridi Talebot in dominiis et militibus si eam warantizare potero. Et si non potero, excambiam* (*sic*) *dabo ad valentiam* antequam inde disseisitus sit [per consilium et[6]] *considerationem Comitis G(aufridi) Essex(ie) et Comitis Gilleberti, et Comitis Alberici fratris sui. Et preter hoc concedo Roberto de Veer unam baroniam ad valentiam honoris Gaufridi de Veer infra annum quo potestativus fuero regni Angl(ie), vel aliam terram ad valentiam illius terre. Et preter hoc do et*[7] *concedo eidem comiti cancellariam ad opus Willelmi de Veer fratris sui ex quo deliberata fuerit de Willelmo cancellario fratre Johannis filii Gilberti qui eam modo habet. Hanc autem conventionem tenendam affidavi manu mea propria in manu* Hugonis de Inga sicut mater mea imperatrix affidavit in manu Comitis Gaufridi. Testibus . . . .

[1] *R omits; supplied from D*
[2] *D* Helion
[3] *D* sibi
[4] *D* Twrok
[5] *D* teneant
[6] *R omits; supplied from D*
[7] *D omits* do et

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Rawlinson MS. B. 248, f. 4v; Dugdale MS. 17, f. 85.
Printed: A. Vincent, *Discoverie of Brooke's Errours* (1622), 398.
Date: Soon after **634**, from which are derived the passages in italics, and presumably before Geoffrey de Mandeville returned to Stephen's allegiance.

636. Oxford, St. Bartholomew's Hospital (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the alms allowance granted by Henry I

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et Rob(er)to de Oil(li) et vic(ecomiti) Oxen(efordie) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse infirmis Oxen(efordie) elemosinam quam rex H(enricus) eis dedit. Et teneant bene et in pace et habeant libertates suas in bosco et pascuis sicut melius habuerunt tempore H(enrici) regis. Et concedo eis sicut prebende Oxen(efordie) deliberabuntur, ut ipsi habeant sicut rex H(enricus) eis concessit. T(este) episcopo Sar(esberiensi). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: *Oriel College, Oxford, no. 416 (original, 7″ × 3⅘″, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 619); tongue torn, seal missing); P.R.O. Chart. R. 17 Ed. II, m. 4; Chancery Misc. R. 9/7.
Printed: *Oxford Charters*, no. 53 (facs.); *C.C.R.* iii. 464.
Date: Before Robert d'Oilly went over to the empress (1141), and therefore before the end of 1139 since there was no bp. of Salisbury in 1140 or 1141.

637. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1136–40, at Oxford)

Confirming the priory's right to its gate in the city wall, and to build on the wall

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) prepositis et omnibus burgensibus Francis et Anglis de Oxenneford(ia) salutem. Sciatis quod volo et concedo quod prior et canonici Sancte Fritheswithe habeant et teneant libere et quiete portam suam in muro ejusdem civitatis infra clausum mon(asterii) sui ad proprium usum suum edificatam, necnon aisiamentum ipsius muri ad superedificandum et eorum edificia sustentandum, ita quod loca per eos superedificata reparent et ad aisias suas reficiant, pro omni servitio murandi quod pertinet ad prefatum murum per totam clausam supradictum, sicut burgenses mei de Oxennef(ordia) recognoverunt coram me et coram comit(ibus) et baronibus meis quod canonici prefati monasterii predicta possessionis detentione et predicte porte superedificatione et aisiamento predicti muri, sicut predictum est, ab antiquitate usi sunt. Teste A(lberico) de V(er). Apud Oxennef(ordiam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 6 Ed. II, m. 10, Pat. R. 5 Hen. v, m. 2; Christ Church, Oxford, St. Fridewide's Cartulary, f. 10 (no witnesses).
Printed: Wigram, *Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Frideswide*, i. 17; *Monast.* ii. 146.
Date: The elder Aubrey de Vere was dead by 4 May 1141, and the younger Aubrey joined the empress in July 1141. Stephen was not at Oxford in 1141.

638. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1138–9, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the grant of a meadow by the burgesses

Steph(anu)s rex Angl[orum] episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(iis) et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenef(orde)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et Sancte Fridesu(i)de et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus pratum illud quod burgenses Oxon(ie) eis dederunt et concesserunt in estauramentum estallorum suorum Oxon(ie) que ipsi[1] burgenses eis abstulerunt per breve meum, scilicet illam insulam que continet Fenneit[2] et Crepeleit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere illud teneant sicut melius tenent alias liberas teneduras Sancte Fridesu(i)de. T(estibus) R(ogero) episcopo Sar(esberiensi),[3] et [Nigello][4] episcopo Eliensi, et Will(elmo) com(ite) de E[boraco],[5] et S(imone) com(ite), et R(oberto) de Oilli, et R. filio Widonis. Apud Westm(onasterium).

[1] *Cart.* ibi
[2] *Cart.* Femeit
[3] *Cart. ends here*
[4] *MS.* H
[5] *MS.* Elier

MSS.: Oxford City Records, *Vellum Book i. 1 (17th cent.), and A5/2, p. 8 (18th-cent. copy from same); Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 16 (incomplete).
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 16 (incomplete).
Date: After Wm. of Aumale created E. of York (soon after 22 Aug. 1138 and before the arrest of the bishops (June 1139).

639. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1138–52, and probably *c.* 1138–9)

Grant of the island called Medley (Oxford)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) abbatibus justiciari(o) vicecomiti baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Oxenfordschire salutem. Sciatis quod dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Frideswide Oxon(fordie) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus insulam que vocatur Middileit, unde burgenses mei Oxon(fordie) recognoverunt coram me et coram comitibus meis et baronibus meis se dedisse censum illius insule, scilicet dimidiam marcam argenti ad restaurandum luminare predicte ecclesie quod amiserant pro stall[is] que per eos perdiderant. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum, solutam et quietam ab omni servitio. Teste comite Gisl(eberto) et aliis.

MSS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 19.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 26.
Date: There was no Earl Gilbert before 1138. The queen died 3 May 1152. Presumably the same date as **637–8**.

640. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1139–40)

Notification of a sworn recognition of rents within and without the borough of Oxford, totalling £13. 1s. 8¾d.

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vicecomiti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Oxeneford salutem. Sciatis quod burgenses mei de Oxeneford recognoverunt coram me et coram comitibus et baronibus meis per sacramentum suum quod canonici ecclesie Sancte Frideswide habent et percipiunt annuatim infra burgum Oxeneford et extra annuum redditum et curiam suam de terris et tenementis pertinentibus ad eandem ecclesiam ab antiquitate, videlicet: De terra quam Ailwinus tenuit xxvii *d.*; De terra quam Reignerus [presbiter] tenuit iiii *s.*; De terra quam Hemmiger tenuit vi *s.*; De terra quam Aldith tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Ingelry tenuit viii *d.*; De terra quam Robertus de Byseleg(er) tenuit iiii *s.*; De terra quam Sawy tenuit iiii *s.* vi *d.*; De terra quam Durant tenuit iiii *d.*; De terris que de ara Sancte Frideswide dicuntur xxxix *s.* x *d.*; De terra cum furno quam Alex(ander) de Abind(ona) tenuit viii *s.*; De terra quam Editha vidua tenuit xxvi *d.*; De terris quas Helewis tenuit xi *s.*; De molendino super pontem i marcam; De terra quam Goldewynethild tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Hildewine tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Aelfred tenuit vi *s.*; De terra quam Toraldus tenuit viii *s.*; De terra quam Hildewine tenuit xxviii *d.*; De terris quas Garet tenuit vi *s.* x *d.*; De terra quam Wautier tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Hogeles tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Anketil tenuit xl *d.*; De terra quam Aelfred tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Balford tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Thomas Fullo tenuit v *s.*; De terra quam Ricardus Presbiter tenuit iii *s.*; De terra quam Willelmus Presbiter tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Malger tenuit xxviii *d.*; De terra quam Ph(ilipp)us pistor tenuit xxviii *d.*; De terra quam Willelmus pistor tenuit xvi *d.*; De terris quas Nigellus tenuit xix *s.*; De terra quam Rogerus Brodgte tenuit iii *s.*; De terra cum furno quam Saul tenuit xxviii *d.*; De terra quam Sucling tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Nich(ola)us Presbiter tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Rogerus Pompam tenuit x *s.*; De terris quas Turaldus tenuit xx *d.*; De terra quam Sebrith tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Radulph(us) Hens' tenuit iiii *s.*; De terris quas Golded(er)nia tenuit xxiii *s.*; De terra cum molendino quam Godric tenuit viii *s.* viii *d.*; De terra quam Tolomen tenuit v *s.*; De terra cum furno quam Thomas furnarius tenuit xvi *d.*[1]; De terra quam Rogerus Maton tenuit iiii *d.*; De terra quam Alewi tenuit xvi *d.*; De terra quam Ailwinus tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Osmundus Pax tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Gilbertus Wautier tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Godwine Hocont tenuit xii *d.*; De terra quam Willelmus Lonure tenuit viii *d.*; De terra juxta venellam quam Johannes Cepeham tenuit ii *s.*; De terra quam Ernaldus textor tenuit xlii *d.*; De terra quam Alanus Romanger tenuit extra portam xvi *s.*, pro qua debent predicti canonici annuatim domino feodi xiii *d.* et i quadrantem pro omni servitio;

[1] *Ch. Ch.* xv *d.*

De terra que pertinet ad i hidam in Walton(a) et de terra que pertinet ad Binneseit habent predicti canonici annuatim redditum et servitium rusticorum suorum et hundredum suum in omnibus. Habent etiam feriam unam quolibet anno in burgo Oxenef(ordie) et in toto ejusdem suburbio septem diebus circa festum Sancti Benedicti cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus que ad feriam pertinent sine perturbatione. Quare volo et concedo quod predicti canonici habeant et teneant imperpetuum feriam, terras, et redditus prenominatos cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Testibus Rob(erto) episcopo Hereford, P(hilippo) canc(ellario), et R(ogero) de Fisc(ann)o, et comite G(ualerano) de Mell(ent), et Bald(wino) de Richer(o), et Rog(er)o de Tony.

MSS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. V, m. 3; Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 11 (incomplete).
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 18; *Monast.* ii. 146.
Date: While Philip was chancellor. See Wigram, op. cit. i. 17 for a charter of Roger of Salisbury making restitution for these lands presumably after his fall in June 1139, and cf. **189** n. For the fair cf. **645**.

641. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1135–48)

Grant of the churches of All Saints and the Northgate and of a mill in Oxford

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) justiciariis baronibus vicecomiti ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenf(ordia) salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Frideswide Oxon(iensi) ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum infra civitatem et ecclesiam super aquilonarem portam et molendinum super pontem Oxon(ie) quod Robertus presbiter dedit prefate ecclesie Oxon(iensi) quando factus est canonicus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsa ecclesia Sancte Frideswide teneat ecclesias prefatas Oxon(ie) et molendinum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et rebus que ad eas pertinent. Testibus R(oberto) episcopo Hereford' et aliis.

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, ff. 13 and 342.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 25.
Date: Before the death of Robert Bishop of Hereford, 16 Apr. 1148, and possibly 1139–40 at the same time as **640**.

642. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1136–40, probably 1136, at Oxford)

The canons to have their tithes of lambs and cheese from Garsington (Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Roberto de Oilli salutem. Precipio tibi quod habere facias canonic(is) Sancte Frideswide Oxon(ie) decimam agnorum et caseorum de dominio meo de Gersyngdon(a) ita bene et plenarie sicut melius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, nominatim dico ego decimam de hoc anno et de anno preterito. Teste cancellario. Apud Oxon(fordiam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 89.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. ii. 49.
Date: Before Robert d'Oilly had gone over to the empress (May 1141). The text suggests 1136.

643. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1136–40, at Oxford)

Freeing the priory of the rent which it used to pay for the land called Eightyards

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse quiete pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et M(atildis) regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum, deo et ecclesie Sancte Frideswide et canonicis in ea deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam illos xx *s.* et iij quadrantes quos ecclesia prefata solebat singulis annis michi reddere de firma de terra illa que vocatur Eihtorda quam eadem ecclesia tenet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et canonici teneant et habeant imperpetuum illos xx *s.* et iij quadrantes bene et in pace et libere et quiete et ita quod imperpetuum inde quieti sint. Teste M(atilde) regina et aliis. Apud Oxon(iam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 16.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 16.
Cf. **644**, **626**, **629**, and H. E. Salter's improbable conjecture about Eihtorde being the site of the city, in *Oxford Charters*, no. 66 note.
Date: During the lifetime of the queen. But also earlier than **644** since the rent mentioned here is 20*s.* 0¾*d.* whereas the rent in the latter is 17*s.* 7*d.* as in the Pipe Roll of 2 Hen. II, p. 36.

644. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1141)

The empress frees the priory from the rent of 17s. 7½d. which it used to pay for the land called Eightyards

M(atildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina episcopo Linc(olniensi) et Roberto de Oilli et Johanni de Sancto Johanne et vicecomiti Oxon(fordescire) salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietum et dedisse deo et Sancte Marie et ecclesie Sancte Frideswide Oxon(ie) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus pro dei amore et pro anima patris et matris mee, et pro statu et incolumitate mea et infantium meorum, et pro stabilitate et pace regni mei, censum quem prior ecclesie Sancte Frideswide solebat per annum reddere de terra de Ehteard, scilicet xvii *s.* vii *d.* ob. in perpetuam elemosinam finaliter eis permansuram, cum libertatibus et consuetudinibus ad eundem censum pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod amodo bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant tanquam elemosinam meam in sempiternum. Teste Th(e)ob(aldo) archiepiscopo et ceteris.

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 14.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 24.
Date: Archbishop Theobald was at the empress's court in 1141 only. See also note to **643**.

645. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (Apr. 1141–June 1142, at Oxford)

The empress confirms St. Frideswide's Fair

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancte Frideswide et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris feriam suam in burgo Oxon(ie) et in toto ejus suburbio cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus predictus Henricus rex Anglie pater meus eandem feriam tenuit, quum eam priori et canonicis ejusdem ecclesie dedit et concessit. Testibus R(oberto) comite Gloc(estrie), et Rob(erto) Curc(i). Apud Oxenford(iam).

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 16.
Printed: Wigram op. cit. i. 25.
Date: After the empress had received the title of *domina anglorum* (7–8 Apr. 1141) and before the Earl of Gloucester went to Normandy (late June 1142)—he was never in Oxford again. Cf. Stephen's confirmation of the fair in **640**.

646. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (Apr.–Sept. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress confirms the priory's lands and churches

M(atildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus et baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Frithes-withe Oxeneford(ie) et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus pro salute anime mee et pro anima regis Henrici patris mei et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum, monasterium Sancte Fritheswith(e) cum territoriis sibi adjacentibus et clausuris locorum et grangiarum, cum capellis de Hedyndon' et Merston', Elsefeld et Beneseye, de quibus nulla redditur consuetudo episcopis, archidiaconis, nec eorum ministris. Preterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem canonicis viam juxta murum civitatis Oxeneford(ie), quantum extenditur terra eorum, ita ut eandem viam et similiter omnes portas totius monasterii ad voluntatem ipsorum includant, sine impedimento seu contradictione aliqua imperpetuum. Preterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem canonicis feriam unam in civitate Oxenef(ordie)

et in toto suburbio ejusdem, et infra eandem civitatem ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum, ecclesiam Sancte Mildride, ecclesiam Sancti Mich(ael)is ad portam borealem, ecclesiam Sancti Petri ad castrum, medietatem ecclesie Sancti Aldati, capellam Sancti Michaelis ad portam australem, ecclesiam Sancti Edwardi, capellam Sancte Trinitatis, et extra civitatem eandem capellam Sancti Clementis; in Walyngford ecclesias Sanctorum Luciani et Leonardi cum pertinentiis suis. Preterea concessi et confirmavi predictis canonicis totam villam de Wythesdon et desuper [pontem] orientalem Oxenef(ordie) ii hidas terre et culturam i que vocatur Þrettenacre. In Codeslowe ii hidas terre, in Walton' i hidam terre et totum locum qui dicitur Beneseye, et insulam unam que dicitur Langenet; in Coueleye unam dimidiam hidam terre, decimas de toto dominio de Gersyndon'; in Forsthull ii acras et dimidiam bladi et de qualibet virgata terre ejusdem ville i travam; in una Horspath ii acras et de qualibet virgata terre i travam; in alia Horspath i acram et de qualibet virgata terre i travam; in Cudesdon iii acras bladi; in Denton' iii travas, in Chibenherst xii travas. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti canonici et eorum successores habeant et teneant in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam predictum monasterium Sancte Fritheswithe, ecclesias, capellas, decimas, terras, et alias res supradictas libere et quiete, quas Henricus rex Angl(orum) pater meus canonicis ejusdem ecclesie omni libertate dedit et concessit cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Testibus T(heobaldo) Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo, R(oberto) London(iensi) episcopo, R(oberto) comite Gloec(estrie), R(oberto) de Oill(i), Apud Oxeneford(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. V, m. 3; Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 9 (incomplete).
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 23; *Monast.* ii. 145; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 396.
Date: As for **644**.

647. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (Apr. 1141–Sept. 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants common rights at Headington, Stow Wood, and Shotover, and land in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford

M(atildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina R(oberto) de Oilli et vicecomiti et prepositis et Henr(ico) de Sancto Petro et omnibus civibus de Oxeneford(ia) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro salute anime mee et pro anima regis Henrici patris mei in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Fritheswithe Oxeneford(ie) et canonicis regularibus imperpetuum ibidem deo servientibus communiam ad omnia pecora et averia sua in manerio de Hedinton, ita scilicet ut pascant omnia pecora et averia libere et quiete in omnibus locis per totum manerium de Hedindon, ubi dominica ejusdem manerii pecora et averia sua pascuntur, tam infra forestam de Stawode et Schothore quam extra, et liberum introitum et exitum cum eis ad voluntatem ipsorum canonicorum sine impedimento et contradictione aliqua imperpetuum. Concessi etiam et confirmavi predictis canonicis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totam illam terram quam Alanus Rosmongere tenuit in parochia Beate Marie Magdalene, et omnes alias terras quas predicti canonici habent infra hundredum extra portam borialem Oxeneford(ie), reddendo annuatim redditum de eisdem debit(um) pro omni exactione et servitio seculari imperpetuum. Testibus R(oberto) episcopo London(iensi), et W(illelmo) canc(ellario). Apud Oxenaford(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 5 Hen. V, m. 3, Chart. R. 6 Ed. II, m. 10; Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 75 (incomplete).
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. ii. 23; *Monast.* ii. 146; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 397.
Date: After the empress became *domina Anglorum*, and before the death of Robert d'Oilly in Sept. 1142.

648. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (Apr.–Sept. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants the church of Oakley (Bucks.) with its chapels of Brill, Boarstall, and Addingrove

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Frideswyde Oxen(fordie) et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de Achleia cum capellis et omnibus rebus ad easdem pertinentibus, scilicet capellam de Breulla et

capellam de Borstalle et Edingrave pro anima patris mei et matris mee et omnium predecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et filiorum meorum et stabilitate regni mei. Quare volo et precipio ut hanc elemosinam meam bene et in pace et quiete teneant et ut nullus amodo eis inde forisfacere presumat. Testibus Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), et R(oberto) episcopo Lond(oniensi), et R(oberto) de Oilli, et Roberto Henrici regis filio. Apud Oxineford(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 6 Ed. III, m. 10, and 3 Ric. II, m. 19; Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 133 (incomplete); C.C.C. Oxford, MS. 160, p. 305 (incomplete).
Printed: *Wigram, op. cit. ii. 115; *Monast.* ii. 146 (incomplete); Kennett, *Parochial Antiquities*, i. 135 (incomplete).

649. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1139–40, or Dec. 1142–Feb. 1148, at Oxford)

Grant of the chapel of Brill (Bucks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) A(lexandro) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et just(icie) et vicecom(iti) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Bunch(am)sir(e) salutem. Sciatis quod ego concessi et dedi ecclesie Sancte Frideswide et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus inperpetuam elemosinam capellam de Breohilla cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus in ecclesiis et capellis et terris et decimis et cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis que de dominico meo est, pro salute anime mee et Magtild(is) regine uxoris mee et filiorum meorum, et pro anima Henrici regis avunculi mei et omnium antecessorum meorum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eam teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut unquam melius et liberius antecessores eorum tenuerunt in tempore regis Eadwardi et Willelmi regis avi mei, et tempore Henrici regis avunculi mei. T(estibus) Will(elmo) de Ip(ra), Rob(erto) de Ver, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Wern(ero) de Lis(oriis), et Ric(ardo) dec(ano) de Morot(ona) [*recte* Meretona], et Rob(erto) Arsi(c). Apud Oxin(efordiam).

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Charters Oxon. 58 (supposed original, $5\frac{3}{8}'' \times 3\frac{4}{8}''$, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 590), with no tongue, tag, or seal; probably a copy). Copies in Christ Church, Oxford, St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 133; Corpus Christi Coll., Oxford, MS. 160, f. 304.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. ii. 116; Lipscomb, *History of Bucks.* i. 108; Kennett, *Parochial Antiquities*, i. 135 (variant text).
Date: While William of Ypres and Richard de Lucy were in England and while Stephen held Oxford; before death of Alexander Bishop of Lincoln, 20 Feb. 1148. Reasons for thinking the 'original' a copy are: that in the witness list the surnames of the two Roberts, de Vere and Arsic, have been added above the line; and that Richard was presumably dean not of 'Morotona' but of Merton, which was in the same deanery as Brill—rural deans at this date taking the names of their own parishes.

650. Oxford, Priory of St. Frideswide (1148–53, at Dunstable)

The bishop of Lincoln is not to implead the prior concerning his share of the churches of St. Aldate and St. Edward (Oxford) except before the king

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) R(oberto) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) salutem. Mando tibi et precipio quod non ponas priorem Sancte Frideswide de medietate ecclesie Sancti Aldathi et de ecclesia Sancti Edwardi in placitum nisi coram me, quia de propria elemosina mea sint. Teste Comite Simone. Apud Dunstaple.

MS.: Christ Church, Oxford, *St. Frideswide's Cartulary, f. 357.
Printed: Wigram, op. cit. i. 191.

651. Paris, Priory of S. Martin des Champs (25 July 1141–Dec. 1142, at Oxford)

The empress grants the chapel of St. James at Exeter to the priory of S. Martin des Champs at Paris

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et Sancto Martino apud Paris(ius) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus illam donationem quam Baldwinus comes Devon(ie) eis fecit de capella Sancti Jacobi et de terra et de omnibus illis rebus que ad

eandem capellam adjace(n)t et pertine(n)t. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete de omnibus consuetudinibus et quietudinibus capellam predictam, cum omnibus que ad eandem capellam pertinent et adjacent, teneant. Ne super hoc aliquis [eis] inde injuriam vel contumeliam aliquo modo faciat. T(estibus) Milon(e) com(ite) Heref(ordie), [et] Brienc(io) fil(io) Com(itis), et Rob(erto) de Curc(i) dapif(ero), et Rob(erto) de Oilli, et Joh(ann)e de S(an)c(t)o Joh(ann)e, et Rob(erto) fil(io) Mart(ini). Ap(u)d Oxon(fordiam).

MS.: King's Coll., Cambridge: *Muniments, 2. W. 1 (original, 6″ × 4⅛″, written in the hand (we think) of *scriptor* xiv with a fine impression of Matilda's seal in white wax on a tongue).
Printed: *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 391; *Monast.* v. 106.
Date: After Miles was created Earl of Hereford (25 July 1141) and before Matilda lost Oxford (Dec. 1142). The original grant by Earl Baldwin is in Paris, Archives Nationales, K. 23 B, no. 23.

652. Partney Hospital (1135–54)

Confirmation of the possessions of the hospital of Partney (Lincs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olnie) justic(ie) baronibus vicecomiti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olnescira) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et hospitali de Partenay omnes terras et res et donationes quas barones et vavasores et p(ro)bi [homines][1] terre mee qui terras suas libere h(abe)nt deder(un)t vel daturi sunt deo et eidem hospitali tam in terris quam in aliis possessionibus vel redditibus vel catallis. Quare volo et precipio firmiter quod prefatum hospitale et custodes ejus et omnes illic habitantes et ibidem manentes qui s(e)c(un)d(u)m [regulam][2] vixerint et illic venientes et ibidem manentes et in[de] redeuntes hab(ea)nt meam pacem firmam ita ne in aliquo disturbentur. T(estibus) Adelulf(o) Carl(e)ol(ensi) [episcopo] etc.

[1] *MS.* probiliones [2] *MS.* qui scd'm vixerint

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xx, f. 124v.
Printed: *Monast.* i. 630, no. 6.
The hospital of Partney started as a cell of the abbey of Bardney (Lincs.).

653. Paynel, Hugh (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Rouen)

Duke Henry restores the honor of Les Moutiers—Hubert and Hugh's father's barony

H(enricus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavensium Hugoni archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis Norm(annie) atque omnibus suis fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse Hugoni Paganello Monasteria Huberti cum toto honore ad ea pertinenti et totam baroniam sui patris et in Normannia et in Anglia preter Brehallum. Quare precipio quod ipse baroniam illam et omnia ad eam pertinentia bene et in pace et libere et quiete et cum honore teneat cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus quas pater suus in tempore regis Henrici avi mei ibi habuit in nemore et in plano et in aquis et in terris et in omnibus rebus. Testes inde sunt: M(atildis) imperatrix, Walterus Giffardus com(es), Ricardus Humet' constabularius, Ricardus de Haia dapifer, Jordanus Taisson, Guido de Sabl(eio), Willelmus de Ferreriis, Manasser Biset, Fulco de Cleer, Osbertus de Cailleio, Gaufridus de Bruercort, Robertus de Bruercort, Robertus Doisnellus, Ricardus (?) Saivellis. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Transcript by William Farrer, from a MS. volume at Everingham Park for the family of Constable of Everingham.
Printed: **E.Y.C.* vi. 97 (no. 19).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy.

654. Pershore Abbey (1135–9, at Westminster)

The abbot to hold the church of Longney (Glos.) and half the fishery of Hindware in peace

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo Wirec(estrensi) et M(iloni) Gloec(estrie) et baronibus Gloecestrescire salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Persora teneat ecclesiam suam de Langeneia et dimidiam pischariam de Hindwara et terram suam ita bene et in pace et juste

et honorifice sicut Osb(ertus) filius Pontii dedit ecclesie sue et sicut melius tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Teste R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Rawlinson MS. D. 404, f. 154 (a book of transcripts, probably by John Blackbourne of Trinity College, Cambridge).
Date: Before the defection of Miles of Gloucester.

655. Peterborough Abbey (7 June 1143, at Peterborough)

Grant of all assarts made by the abbey up to the day on which Stephen came to Peterborough after fortifying his castle of Caistor (Lincs.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancto Oswaldo et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Burgo et monachis in ea deo servientibus pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum regum antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine mee et Eustacii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum, omnia essarta que abbas et monachi de Burgo et homines sui fecerunt in terra abbatie de Burgo usque ad diem illum quo veni ad Burgum in reditu meo de Lincolniascira quando noviter firmeravi castellum meum apud Castram in Lindesia, scilicet vii Idus Junii. Quare volo et precipio quod prefata ecclesia et monachi in ea deo servientes habeant et teneant omnia essarta illa que sunt inter boscos et luc(ra)tas terras in perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete et absolute ab omni seculari exactione et ab omni rewardo foreste. Et ut hec donatio mea in perpetuum duret, presentis sigilli mei impressione confirmo et attestatione subscriptorum corroboro. Anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°XLttt;[1] a passione vero Oswaldi regis et martyris quingentesimo primo; anno regni mei octavo. Testibus Alexandro ep(iscop)o Lincol(niensi), et Adelulfo ep(iscop)o Carl(e)ol(ensi), et Daniel(e) abb(at)e de Hulmo, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Fulcon(e) de Oilli, et Will(elm)o de Alb(ini) Briton(e), et Ricardo de Monte Acuto, et Henrico de Novo M(er)cato, et Sitoto Lumb, et Ernulfo de T(er)miana. Apud Burgum.

[1] *MS. 1* millesimo centesimo quadragesimo (= 1140)

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 29ᵛ, MS. 1, f. 41; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 201ᵛ, Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 147 (from MS. 1).
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *The Local Government of Peterborough*, p. 95 (no. 27).
Date: For the siege of Caistor cf. **109** and **861**.

656. Peterborough Abbey (1136–Jan. 1141, at Stamford)

The abbey has proved (at Lincoln) its right to its land at Northorpe (Lincs.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus ministris suis et fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Lincolniscira salutem. Sciatis quod abbas et monachi de Burgo dirationaverunt coram me versus canonicos Lincol(nie) apud Lincol(niam) terram suam de Nortorp. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi monachi illam teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et sicut ipsi eam dirationaverunt coram me in curia mea, et ita ne super hoc de hac derationatione ponantur inde in placitum. Testibus Radul(fo) filio Gil(berti), let Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Rob(er)to Gelle, et Alano de Creon'.[1] Apud Stanford(iam).

[1] *MS.* Greon

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 30, MS. 1, f. 41ᵛ; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 202ᵛ, and Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 148.
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 96 (no. 29).
Date: Before 2 Feb. 1141, since Stephen lost possession of Lincoln after that till late 1145 or 1146, by which time Turgis of Avranches had revolted. For land at Northorpe cf. **473**.

657. Peterborough Abbey (1139–54, at Northampton)

Grant of 200 acres of assarted land in Thorpe, Walton, Castor, and Ailsworth (Northants.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(o)l(nie) et comiti Sim(oni) et vicec(omiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norhamtunescira salutem. Sciatis me

concessisse et dedisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Burgo et monachis ibidem deo servientibus ducentas acras de essarto in boscis maneriorum abbatie de Burgo, scilicet in bosco de Torp quinquies xx et xv acras, et in bosco de Waltona lv acras et in bosco de Castra et de Ailesyurd(i)a lxx acras. Quare volo et precipio firmiter quod supradicta ecclesia et monachi terras illas essartatas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in perpetuam elemosinam solutas et quietatas a placitis forestarum et forisfactis essartorum. Testibus R(oberto) de Ver, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ricardo de Luci. Apud Norhamt(onam).

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 30, MS. 1, f. 41v; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 202v, and Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 148.

Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 96 (no. 30).

658. Peterborough Abbey (1140–54, at Northampton)

Grant of liberties in half a hide in the town of Peterborough

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Petri de Burgo et monachis in ea deo servientibus quietantiam dimidie hide in villa Burgi de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et occasionibus et murdro et danegeldo et omnibus aliis geldis et auxiliis et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus que ad coronam nostram pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi in perpetuam elemosinam quietanciam omnium predictarum rerum habeant, ne super hoc aliquis eos inquietet nec ab eis quicquid requirat. Testibus H(enrico) de Essex(a), et Warin(o) de Lusor(iis), et Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud Norh(amtunam).

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 30v, MS. 1, f. 42; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 203.
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 97 (no. 31).

659. Peterborough Abbey (1140–54, at Northampton)

Confirming the liberties of the manor and soke of Pilsgate (*Northants.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis justiciis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Petri de Burgo et monachis ejusdem loci quietantiam de danegeldo et murdero et omnibus geldis et auxiliis et placitis et querelis et hidagiis et occasionibus et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus corone mee pertinentibus de iii hidis et una virgata terre in manerio suo de Pilisgata et in soca illius in perpetuam elemosinam pro honore Beati Oswaldi martyris et pro salute mea et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Anglie et pro animabus omnium fidelium. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi manerium illud ita bene et libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam de omnibus supradictis consuetudinibus, sicut eis concedo et hac presenti carta confirmo. T(estibus) Henrico de Essex(a), et Olivero de Traci, et Warino de Lus[oriis],[1] et Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud Norhamt(unam).

[1] *MSS. 1 and 5 both read* Lusad

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 29v, MS. 1, f. 41v; B.M. Cotton MS. Faustina B. iii, f. 28, Add. MS. 39758, f. 202, and Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 148.
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 96 (no. 28).
Date: After 1140 because of Henry of Essex. Oliver, son of Henry de Tracy, suggests a date late in the reign; apart from this charter he is first heard of in 1147.

660. Peterborough Abbey (1140–54, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the manor of Pytchley (*Northants.*)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norham(tunescira) salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia de Burgo et monachi ibidem deo servientes teneant et habeant manerium suum de Pihteslea quod rex Henricus eis reddidit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, quam oculis meis vidi, et hoc eis testor. Et

bene et in pace et libere et quiete illud habeant et teneant. Et ne super hoc fiat eis inde injuria vel calumpnia. Testibus H(enrico) de Essex(a), et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Oxoniam.

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 30v, MS. 1, f. 42; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 203.
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 97 (no. 32).
Date: After 1140 because of Henry of Essex.

661. Peterborough Abbey (1136–54, at Dunstable)

Grant of free warren in Kettering (Northants.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) vicec(omiti) baronibus et ministris suis de Norhamtunescira salutem. Concedo quod abbas de Burgo habeat warennam in terra sua de Keteringe, et precipio quod nullus fuget in ea sine licentia ejus super x libras forisfacture. Teste Hugone de Essart(is). Apud Dunstapl(um).

MSS.: Peterborough D. and C., *MS. 5, f. 30v, MS. 1, f. 42; B.M. Add. MS. 39758, f. 203v, Egerton MS. 2733, f. 85, and Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 148v (transcript from MS. 1).
Printed: W. T. Mellows, *Local Govt. of Peterborough*, p. 98 (no. 33).

662. Polesworth Abbey (1136–46, at St. Albans)

Confirmation of the gift of Robert Marmion

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Cestrie et justiciario et vicecomiti et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Warwichschira salutem. Sciatis quia pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum concedo deo et ecclesie Sancte Eadithe de Poleswrda et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus illam donationem quam Robertus Marmiun eis fecit et dedit et alii eis dederunt vel rationabiliter eis daturi sunt, tam in ecclesiis quam in terris et omnibus aliis possessionibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant sicut predictus Robertus Marmiun et alii domini qui hec predicta eis in elemosinam dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt, et sicut alie ecclesie terre mee melius et liberius tenent elemosinas et possessiones suas. Testibus Mathilde regina, et E(ustachio) filio Regis,[1] et W. de Hosa,[2] et R(oberto) de V(er),[3] et H(enrico) de Essexa. Apud Sanctum Albanum.

[1] *Sic Stapleton*; *Pat. R.* E filio K; *Dugdale* et fil L
[2] *Sic Stapleton*; *Pat. R. and D.* Hora
[3] *Pat. R. and D.* K (*sic*) de V

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 21 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 10; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 12, f. 21 (from Pat. R.).
Printed: Stapleton, *Magn. Rot. Scacc. Norm.* ii, p. xcviii (from Pat. R.); **C.P.R. 1396–9*, 287.
Date: Before Eustace was made an earl. Robert Marmion died in 1144 (Hen. Hunt. 277), but this charter could well have been given after his death.

663. Pont-Audemer, Hospital of S. Gilles (1135–54)

Grant of the church of (?)Sturminster Marshall (Dorset)

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl[orum][2] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse martiribus Christi infirmis fratribus de Ponte Audoin(i) ecclesiam de Luissis[3] cum terris et decimis et omnibus rectitudinibus et pertinentibus sicut videlicet G(aleranus) comes de Mellent cui manerium illud dederam requisivit. Hoc autem feci pro anima avunculi mei regis H(enrici) qui locum illum fundari et edificari persuasit, et pro animabus predecessorum meorum et pro salute mea et successorum meorum in regno Anglie. Volo itaque et firmiter precipio quod predicti fratres bene et quiete et libere et honorifice predictam ecclesiam habeant et teneant in perpetuam elemosinam. Et super hoc nullus eos deinceps inde fatigare aut molestare presumat.

[1] *MS.* H
[2] *MS.* Anglie
[3] *Sic MS., misreading part of* Esturminstre

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., *MS Y. 20, f. 20 (T) (Cartulary of S. Gilles).
Printed: Delisle–Berger, Introd., p. 119 (in part); *C.D.F.*, no. 239 (abstract).

664. Pontefract Priory (1154, at York)

Grant of the churches of St. Sampson and St. Benet in York, at the request of William fitz Rainer the king's clerk

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Eboracensi et capitulo Sancti Petri et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eboraco et de Eboraciscira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Pontefracto et monachis in ea deo servientibus ecclesiam Sancti Samsonis et ecclesiam Sancti Benedicti in civitate Eboraci cum pertinentiis earum. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Sancti Johannis ecclesias illas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat, et monachi qui in ea deo serviunt, possideant in perpetuam elemosinam, solutam et quietam [ab] omni seculari servitio et exactione, sicut eis presenti carta confirmo petitione Willelmi filii Rain(eri) clerici mei, cui prius illas dederam. T(estibus) Rob(erto) ep(iscop)o Linc-(olniensi), et Hug(one) ep(iscopo) Dunelm(ensi), et Eust(achio) fil(io) Joh(ann)is, et Henr(ic)o de Lascy, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Ebor(acum).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 50754, f. 21; Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 9, f. 249, and Dodsworth MS. 159, f. 31^{v}.
Printed: R. Holmes, *The Chartulary of St. John of Pontefract*, i. 99 (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Record series, xxv (1899)); and *E.Y.C.*, no. 1448.
Date: Hugh Pudsey was cons. Bishop of Durham, 20 Dec. 1153. Stephen was at York at harvest-time 1154.

665. Préaux Abbey (1149, at Rouen)

Record of an agreement in Duke Geoffrey's court terminating a dispute with Enguerrand de Vascœuil

In nomine Sancte et Individue Trinitatis. Notum sit presentibus et futuris concordiam quandam factam esse inter Reginaldum abbatem Pratelli et Eingerannum de Waiscuil qui discordes longo tempore fuerant ad invicem propter rectitudines et consuetudines Pratellensis ecclesie quas predictus Eingerannus usurpando violenter eidem ecclesie auferebat. Quapropter jussu G(aufridi) Norman(norum) ducis et Andegav(orum) consulis, illis residentibus in curia Rothom(agi), coram judicibus et baillivis et dapifero, assensu procerum et consilio utriusque partis, predicte controversie talis compositio consulta est fieri. In primis scilicet Eingeranni homines quos ecclesia Pratellensis habet apud Wascuil clamat quietos et absolutos de furnagio fenestragio (*sic*) theloneo et penitus omni exactione et consuetudine excepto si aliquid vendiderint vel emerint vel aliquam in terra ejusdem Engeranni negotiationem fecerint unde consuetudo dari debeat, illam tantummodo dabunt. Nemora autem ejusdem ecclesie clamat quieta. Quare abbas Reinaldus ei concessit custodienda, tali conditione quod si abscisa vel vastata fuerint, Engerannus in curia abbatis emendabit vel inveniet qui pro se judicium subeat. Si vero predicti homines Pratellensis ecclesie in nemora ipsius Engeranni ire voluerint, consuetudinem dabunt sin autem quieti erunt. Insuper terram quandam super quam domum edificaverat, eidem ecclesie reddit quietam; et aquam que fluit juxta terram ejusdem ecclesie clamat quietam ad piscandum abbati et monachis. Pro decima molendinorum suorum quam eidem ecclesie caritative jamdudum dederat, iii modios bladi concedit in eisdem molendinis. Decimam autem campartorum suorum de Valle de Waiscuil concedit. Testibus Reinaldo de Sancto Walerico qui dapifer Normannie erat, Gaufrido Bertran, Roberto filio Hamel(ini), Baldrico filio Gisleberti, Godardo de Valle, Johanne de Lunda, Radulfo filio Urselini, Stephano filio Radulfi. Ex parte abbatis, Willelmo monacho, Tafur, Ricardo de Tregevilla, Radulfo de Alneto, Radulfo de Hispania. Ex parte autem Engeranni, Osberto de Cailli et filio ejus, Waltero de Waiscuil. Acta Rothomago anno M°C°XLIX° ab Incarnatione Domini.

MS.: Évreux, Archives de l'Eure, H. 711 (Préaux Cartulary), f. 140^{v}, no. 453.
Printed: A. Le Prévost, *L'Eure*, iii. 324 (abstract); *L. Valin, *Le Duc de Normandie et sa cour* (Paris, 1910), p. 265.

666. Quarr Abbey (13 April 1149, at Devizes)

Duke Henry grants Loxwell (Wilts.) for the foundation of an abbey (later moved to Stanley, Glos.)

Henricus ducis Normannorum et Andegavorum filius archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justiciis et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Quadraria in insula de Wich in perpetuam elemosinam Locwellam ad faciendam ibidem capitalem abbatiam pro salute et incolumitate domini Gaufridi Normannie ducis et Andegavie comitis, necnon pro salute domine imperatricis matris mee et mea, et pro statu regni Anglorum et pro animabus Henrici regis avi mei et M(athildis) regine omniumque predecessorum meorum defunctorum. Et ideo volo et firmiter precipio quod prememorate abbatie monachi predictum locum habeant libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie cum omnibus illis libertatibus et consuetudinibus quas domina imperatrix mater mea et ego dedimus et concessimus domino Drogoni, domine matris mee camerario, sicut nos donum illud eidem Drogoni cartis nostris quas predicti monachi habent testamur et confirmamus. Testibus Roberto decano Saresberie, magistro Matheo, Gregorio dap(ifero),[1] Humfrido de Bohun, Huberto de Vallibus, Humfrido filio Odonis constabularii, Willelmo filio Hamonis, Riolfo de Sessuns, Petro Boterello. Apud Divisas.

[1] *Mon. and Delisle* Day

Printed: *Monast.* v. 317, from the original, now lost; *Delisle–Berger, no. 10*; W. L. Bowles, *Parochial History of Bremhill*, 94.

Date: See Z. N. and C. N. L. Brooke, *E.H.R.* lxi (1946), 81–89. Cf. **795**.

Radmore, *see* Stoneleigh Abbey.

667. Ramsey Abbey (Jan. 1139, at Oxford)

Grant of the royal demesne manor of (King's) Ripton (Hunts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Benedicti de Ramesia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, pro anima regis Henrici et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et infantum meorum et pro incolumitate totius regni mei, manerium meum dominicum de Rippetona cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et quiete et libere et honorifice teneant, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis, in via et semitis, infra burgum et extra, in aquis et stag(nis) et in omnibus locis et rebus omnibus, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis et consuetudinibus cum quibus (i)llud manerium melius tenui dum in manu mea esset. Testibus M(athilde) regina, et R(ogero) Sar(esberiensi) episcopo, et A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et R(oberto) episcopo Exon(iensi), et N(igello) episcopo El(iensi), et R(ogero) cancellario, et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et E(rnulfo) arch(idiacono) Sag(iensi), et S(imone) comite, et R(oberto) com(ite) [Legrecestrie[1]], et R(ogero) comite Warwic(i), et A(lberico) de V(er), et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Will(elmo) [de Albineo[2]], et Mil(one) Gloec(estrie), et Will(elmo) Maled(octo). Apud Oxenfordiam.

[1] The bottom right-hand corner of the charter is torn and this word is missing. It is here supplied by conjecture, since all the early copies of this charter omit one line of witnesses, viz. from Robert the chancellor to Robert earl of [Leicester].

[2] MS. torn; words supplied from Add. MS.

MSS.: P.R.O. E 326/11348 (original, 7″ × 6$\frac{1}{10}$″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 504), tongue and seal both missing, bottom right-hand corner torn off). Copies in B.M. Add. MS. 5485, f. 11, and Harley MS. 5019, f. 89; also Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. B. 102, f. 98.

Printed: Madox, *Formul. Angl.* (1702), 243.

Date: Robert Bishop of Exeter was consecrated 17 Dec. 1138 and went to Rome in Jan. 1139; and this charter was confirmed by Pope Innocent II in a bull of 26 Apr. 1139 (*Ramsey Cart.* ii. 144). Stephen was near Oxford for the consecration of the church of Godstow Abbey *c.* 15 Jan. 1139, being accompanied, as in this charter, by the queen, Robert Bishop of Exeter, Robert Earl of Leicester, and Miles of Gloucester. See **366, 367, 473.**

668. Ramsey Abbey (1136–54, at Norwich)

The men of Claeklose Hundred (Norf.) are to attend the hundred courts when summoned by the abbot, as in the time of Henry I

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus hominibus Clacolesehundr(edi) et dim(idii) salutem. Precipio quod vobis quod per summonitionem abbatis de Rammesia vel ministrorum suorum eatis ad hundr(edos) suos prefatos ita bene et plene sicut melius vel plenius faciebatis tempore regis Henrici, et faciatis ei omnes consuetudines quas tunc faciebatis et que pertinent ad hundr(edos) illos. Teste Will(elm)o Mart[el]. Apud Norwicum.

MS.: P.R.O.*E. 40/3081 (original, $7\frac{1}{4}'' \times 2''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 447), with tongue and tie but no seal).

Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1411* and 1585*, two highly dubious documents; it is not surprising that they are not mentioned here.

669. Ramsey Abbey (1136–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

The abbot and monks to hold Hurstingstone Hundred (Hunts.) for four marks p.a. as Henry I granted it

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Huntendon(a)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancti Benedicti de Rameseia et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus hundretum de Herstingestan(a) tenendum pro quattuor marcis firme reddendo inde per annum vicecomiti Hunted(onascire), sicut rex Henricus illud eis concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Rob(erto) de Ver, et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud S(anc)t(u)m Edm(undum).

MS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 5861 (original, $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 287), tongue and seal missing). Cf. **670**.

For Henry I's charter see *Regesta*, ii. 1632.

670. Ramsey Abbey (1139–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

The abbot and monks to hold their lands of Ringstead and Holme (Norf.) in demesne, and not to be impleaded concerning them

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norf(olchia) et Sudf(olchia) salutem. Precipio quod abbas Rameseie et monachi sui teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete in dominio suo terram suam de Ringesteda et de Holm(a) nec inde ponantur in placitum, desicut Gisl(ebertus) filius Widon(is) terras illas clamavit quietas et monachis illas reddidit coram rege Henrico, et sicut carta Henrici regis testatur. Testibus Henr(ico) de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud S(anc)t(u)m Edm(undum).

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/14900 (original, $5\frac{4}{5}'' \times 5''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 480), with tongue but no seal).

Date: Richard de Lucy was in Normandy till 1139. Same place, hand, and presumably date, as **669**.

671. Ramsey Abbey (1138–53, at Northampton)

Earl Simon is to reseise the abbot of his manor of Walton

Steph(anu)s rex Angl[orum] comiti Sim(oni), salutem. Mando tibi et precipio quod resaisias abbatem Rames(eiensem) de manerio suo de Waltone, et facias eum illud ita bene et in pace et honorifice tenere sicut tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus; nec patiaris quod Radulfus de Normanville vel alius aliquis illud ei deforciet neque ei injuriam vel contumeliam faciat, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam, quia nolo quod aliquis se intromittat inde nisi per eundem abbatem et per conventum suum. Teste Nigello episcopo de Ely. Apud Norhampt(onam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Rawlinson MS. B. 333, f. 53.

Printed: *Chron. Abb. Rams.* (R.S.), 321.

Date: Earl Simon held the earldom of Huntingdon from 1138 and d. Aug. 1153.

672. Ramsey Abbey (1135–41, at Westminster)

The abbot is to have his fugitives with their chattels, wherever found

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio vobis quod juste faciatis habere abbati de Ramesia omnes fugitivos suos cum catallis suis ubicumque inventi fuerint, et super hoc non detineantur ei injuste, super x libras forisfacture. T(este) Alb(erico) de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Ramsey Cart. (E. 164/28), f. 138, Chart. R. 8 Ed. iii, m. 12.
Printed: *Cart. Mon. Rames.* (R.S.), ii. 62.
Date: Before the death of Aubrey de Vere I.

673. Ramsey Abbey (1135–54)

Note of a charter concerning Ripton (Hunts.) and its advowson

Memorandum quod sunt octo carte cum sigillis verniziatis et novem cum sigillis albis non verniziatis . . . Stephanus rex de Ripton(a) cum advocatione ecclesie. T(este) Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o Elien(si).

674. Ramsey Abbey (1135–54)

Note of a charter against the market of Wormegay (Norf.)

Stephanus rex contra mercatum de Wirmeg(ay).

MS.: P.R.O. *Ramsey Cart. (E. 164/28), f. 22.
Printed: *Cart. Mon. Rames.* (R.S.), i. 111.
This note, and the preceding one, are from a fourteenth-century inventory of charters.

675. Reading Abbey (1135–54)

General confirmation

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus principibusque suis et baronibus et omnibus christianis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem in perpetuum. Quoniam tres abbatie in regno Anglie, Radingia, Chelseia, Leominstria, peccatis exigentibus, olim destructe sunt, ego auctoritate summi pontificis Romane ecclesie et aliorum pontificum et fidelium meorum pro salute mea et Mathildis regine mee uxoris et antecessorum meorum Willelmi regis avi mei Willelmi quoque et Henrici avunculorum meorum, confirmo et stabilio auctoritate regia novum apud Radingiam monasterium a prefato rege Anglorum Henrico avunculo meo et domino, fundatum in honore et nomine dei genetricis semper Virginis Marie et Johannis Evangeliste. Quecumque autem eidem monasterio ipse donavit, ego dono. Quecumque confirmavit, ego confirmo. Ipsam videlicet Radingiam, Chealseam, Leominstriam, cum appendiciis suis, silvis, agris, pasturis, pratis, aquis, molendinis, piscariis, cum ecclesiis, capellis, cimiteriis, oblationibus, decimis; Tacheam quoque et ecclesias de Weregrava et Haneburga cum decimis et omnibus appendiciis suis, ita ut quomodo ea omnia in manu regis Henrici avunculi et domini mei fuere et ab ipso data et confirmata Radingensi ecclesie, sic plena, sic libera, sic absoluta maneant in manu abbatis et monachorum Radingie. Donavit etiam idem rex Henricus avunculus meus et dominus prefato monasterio Radingensi unum monetarium cum moneta apud Londoniam. Ibidemque quoque domos et terras et earum redditus cum eadem libertate eidem tenendas concedimus quibus tempore prefati regis eas tenuisse noscuntur. Wicheberiam quoque et Rochintonam et Hoctonam; domos quoque et terras in Cantebregia et Hamtone. Ego vero pro anima Henrici regis avunculi mei et domini regia largitione donavi prefato monasterio Henred, ita videlicet quod quamdiu mihi placuerit, reddet inde mihi c solidos singulis annis abbas Rading(ie). Sicut autem prefatus avunculus et dominus meus rex Henricus statuit, et nos statuimus ut nullus persona parva vel magna per debitum aut per consuetudinem seu per violentiam aliquid ab hominibus et terris et possessione Radingensis monasterii exigat, non equitationem sive expeditionem, non pontium vel castrorum edificationem, non vehicula vel summagia, non vectigalia, non navigia,

non opera, non tributa, non xenia, set sint monachi Radingenses et familia eorum et res ipsorum absoluti ab omni geldo et theloneo et alia qualibet consuetudine in terris et aquis et transitibus pontium et maris portuum per totam Angliam. Sintque abbatis et monachorum ejus de hominibus suis et de tota possessione sua et de alienis in ea forisfacientibus vel ibi cum forisfacto interceptis hundreda et placita omnia, cum soccha et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et utfangenetheof et hamsochna infra burgum et extra burgum, in viis et semitis, et in omnibus locis, cum omnibus causis que sunt vel esse possunt. Habeantque abbas et monachi Radingenses in tota possessione sua omnem justiciam de assaltu et furtis et murdris, de sanguinis effusione et pacis infractione quantum ad regiam pertinet potestatem, et de omnibus forisfactis. Quod si abbas et monachi de his justiciam facere neglexerint, rex fieri compellat, ita ut in nullo libertatem Radingensis ecclesie minuat. Veniantque ad hundreda de Radingia et de Leoministria homines circumjacentium maneriorum secundum consuetudinem temporum precedentium. Qui si quando vocati fuerint ad justiciam venire contempserint, rex inde forisfactum accipiat et venire et satisfacere compellat. Decedente abbati Radingensi omnis possessio monasterii ubicumque fuerit remaneat libera et integra cum omni jure et consuetudine sua in manu et dispositione prioris et monachorum capituli Radingensis, quia abbas non habet proprios redditus sed communes cum fratribus. Qui autem deo annuente canonica electione abbas substitutus fuerit, non cum secularibus consanguineis seu quibuslibet aliis elemosinas monasterii male utendo dispendat, sed pauperibus et hospitibus et peregrinis suscipiendis curam gerat. Terras censuales non ad feodum donet, nec faciat milites nisi in sacra veste Christi in qua parvulos suscipere modeste caveat. Maturos autem seu discretos tam clericos quam laicos provide suscipiat. Nemo de possessione Radingensis monasterii aliquid teneat feodaliter absolutum, sed ad censum annuum et servitium abbati et monachis debitum. In abbatis et monachorum domo Radingie et possessione nullus per hereditatem officium teneat, sed in arbitrio abbatis et monachorum et transmutandis propositis seu aliis quibuslibet officiariis causa consistat. Hanc monasterio Radingensi et omnibus ad ipsum pertinentibus in perpetuum dono et confirmo liberam immunitatem et immunem libertatem quam regibus post me in Anglia regnaturis causa dei commendo servandam, ut eis dominus conservet eternam. Si quis autem hoc nostre donationis decretum infringere seu minuere seu transmutare scienter presumpserit, summus judex omnium contrahat eum et eradicet cum sua posteritate, ut permaneat sine aliqua hereditate in clade et fame. Quisquis vero Radingense monasterium cum prefata possessione et libertate servaverit, altissimus qui dominatur in regno hominum bonis omnibus stabiliat eum et servet in evum. Amen.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 17, Harley MS. 1708, f. 28.

Date: Possibly at the funeral of Henry I (4 Jan. 1136), but no sure evidence. The text follows closely *Regesta*, ii. 1427.

676. Reading Abbey (1136–54, at Oxford)

Freedom from toll

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomiti) et preposito Hamtone et omnibus vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res abbatis de Rading(is) et monachorum suorum quas ministri eorum affidare poterint suas esse proprias sint quiete de omni theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine. Et prohibeo ne quis super hoc eos inde disturbet super x libr(as) fori(sfacture). Et si quid de suo propter hoc et super hoc captum est, reddatur. T(estibus) R. canc(ellario), et Will(elmo) Martel. Apud Oxon(iam).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29v.

677. Reading Abbey (1140–54, at Oxford)

Exemptions for the abbey's men

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vicecom(itibus) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus[1] suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod homines monachorum meorum de

[1] *No. 23* et omnibus ministris et fidelibus

Rading(is) sint omnino quieti de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et theloneo et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus. Et emant et vendant[1] ubique sine theloneo et nominatim de geldis et auxiliis et omnibus placitis et querelis sicut illi qui sunt de propria elemosina mea et sicut breve regis H(enrici) testatur. Testibus Roberto[2] canc(ellario), W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Oxon(iam).[3]

[1] *No. 23* vendant et emant [2] *No. 23* R. [3] *No. 23* Oxen

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19ᵛ (two versions, nos. 23 and *25); Harley MS. 1708, f. 29ᵛ (no witnesses).

Date: While Robert de Gant was chancellor. Cf. **676** and **687**.

678. Reading Abbey (1136–7, and probably Jan. 1136, at Reading)

Protecting the meadow which Turstan was claiming and all the other possessions of the abbey

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie in quorum potestate ecclesia Radingensis aliquid tenet salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Radingensis et abbas et monachi teneant terras et ecclesias et homines et decimas et prata et consuetudines et libertates et nominatim pratum suum quod Turstinus clamabat et omnes alias possessiones et tenuras suas, quecumque sint et ubicumque sint, bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice sicut unquam melius tenuerunt et quietius tempore domini et avunculi mei regis H(enrici), patris et fundatoris ecclesie illius, et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et die qua ego curam regni et coronam suscepi. Ne super hoc versus aliquem placitent nisi coram me ipso qui protector eorum esse debeo et volo. Quamvis enim hec tutela de omnibus elemosinis meis ad me universaliter pertineat, ecclesiam tamen Radingensem ipsam majorem et specialiorem a me jure rationis expectat. T(estibus) regina, et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et W(illelmo) Martel, et Hug(one) Bigot. Apud Rading(as).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19; Harley MS. 1708, f. 29ᵛ (without witnesses).

Date: Presumably at funeral of Henry I (4 Jan. 1136). (Roger de Fécamp became an archdeacon *c.* 1137. Hugh Bigot was an earl by Feb. 1141.)

679. Reading Abbey (supposedly Mar.–June 1139, at Arundel)

Confirmation of the manor and church of Aston (Herts.) and 100s. in Stanton Harcourt (Oxon.) given by Queen Adeliza

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Radingis et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus manerium de Estona cum terris et ecclesia et hominibus et omnibus ad illud pertinentibus, quod regina Adelicia eis dedit pro xx li(bris) pro anima avunculi mei regis Henrici; et centum solidatas quas ipsa regina eis dedit in Stantona. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa Radingensis bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant ista, sicut liberius tenent alias elemosinas suas, et sicut regina prefata eis concessit per cartam suam, amodo usque in sempiternum. Testibus H(enrico) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et S(effrido) episcopo Cicestr(ensi), et G(ualerano) comite Metll(enti), et R(annulfo) comite Cestr(ie), et comite Gisl(eberto), et R(oberto) de Ferr(ariis) comite de Noting(ham), et Will(elm)o de Ip(ra), et W(illelmo) Mar(tel), et R(oberto) de Ver, et W(illelmo) de Alb(ini) pinc(erna), et Eud(one) Mart(el). Apud Arundell'.

MSS.: Hertford County Record Office, *AS. 1 (original, 9½″ × 4¾″, in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 232), with a fragment of the forgery of Stephen's first seal in white wax on a tongue which has been partially, but not completely, torn off the stub, the tear being sewn up with pink cord). Incomplete copies in B.M. Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18ᵛ, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 29ᵛ.

Printed: *Antiquaries Journal*, xiv (1934), 10 (with facs.).

Date: Previous discussions are invalidated by the discovery that the seal is a forgery from the same matrix as for **626**, **718**, and **963–4**. Of the witnesses, Robert de Ferrers was not created earl until Aug. 1138, and Waleran of Meulan was in Normandy from May till Mar. 1139. At such a date it is surprising to find that Wm. de Albini *pincerna* was neither an earl nor married to Queen Adeliza; and there is only one other royal charter (**308**) in which Robt. de Ferrers is styled Earl of Nottingham instead of Derby. If the first seal had been genuine the date would also have been before June 1139, thus eliminating the occasion

when Stephen was at Arundel after the landing of the empress. The fact that the text was written by a royal scribe suggests that Abbot Reginald (1151/4–8) may have been involved, since he is said to have acted at some time as deputy-chancellor for Stephen (see Introduction). The purpose of the forgery was presumably to 'legalize' the gift of Aston which Adeliza had no right to make since she had only a life interest in it as part of her dower. Henry II did eventually confirm Aston to the abbey, but as the gift not of Queen Adeliza but of Henry I (B.M. Egerton MS. 3031, f. 22v).

680. Reading Abbey (1135–48)

Protecting the abbey's rights in Stanton Harcourt church (Oxon.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et Waltero archidiacono Oxon(ie) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio ne ponatis abbatem de Rading(is) de aliqua tenura unde ecclesia de Stanton(a) fuit saisita et tenens tempore regis H(enrici) avunculi mei et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et meo tempore postea, et nominatim de Mora. Et prohibeo ne predictus abbas inde placitet nisi nominatim precepero, sicut pacem meam habere voluerit, q(uia) abbatia de Rading(is) et omnes res ei pertinentes sunt in custodia et tutela mea. Et precipio ne capella de Mora fiat donec dirationata fuerit. T(estibus) . . . .

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 30, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xxv, f. 6.

The controversy over the chapel at Northmoor involved the abbey of St. Denis and was settled by Archbishop Theobald *c.* 1145–8 (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 211, which he dates 1141–8, but which should also fall within the period 1145–50 (or 1159–60) because of Theobald's style *totius Anglie primas*. This particular writ may be earlier, and is certainly prior to the death of Alexander Bishop of Lincoln (20 Feb. 1148).

681. Reading Abbey (1137, at Westminster)

Grant of land at Wigston Parva (Leics.)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincolniensi et justicie et vicecomiti et baronibus [suis] Legecestr(e)schir(e) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rading(is) pro anima regis H(enrici) avunculi mei et predecessorum meorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et filiorum et fratrum meorum, et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei, terram de Wigestana quam Willelmus elemosinarius meus tenuit, qui ejusdem ecclesie monachus effectus est. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia teneat terram illam bene et in pace et libere in pratis et pasturis in aqua et extra in molendino et omnibus rebus cum socco et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis cum quibus liberius tenent alias terras suas. Hoc donum et concessum meum laudo et firmo et, ut insempiternum integre perseveret, sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum subnotatione corroboro. Testibus Rogero episcopo Sarisberiensi, Ricardo episcopo Baiocensi, et multis aliis. Apud Westmonasterium anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVII.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 30, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. xxv, f. 24.

682. Reading Abbey (1148–54)

Wigston to be quit of pleas etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomiti) Legr(ecestreschire) salutem. Precipio quod elemosina mea de Wigestan(a) quam dedit ecclesie Rading' Willelmus elemosinarius meus concessu meo sit bene et in pace et quiete de placitis et querelis et aliis occasionibus sicut liberiores sunt alie terre abbatie et alie elemosine mee et sicut per cartam et per breve meum precipio. Ne patiaris quod homines Ernaldi de Bosco vel aliquis alter quicquam ei forisfaciant. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 1708, f. 30.

Date: Ernald's own charter giving the abbey the land (which he had held from them at pleasure), is witnessed by Robert Earl of Leicester and 'Rob. de Belemis prior de Bermundseia'. The only relevant prior Robert is 'Robertus Blessensis', 1148–55 (*Ann. Monastici* (R.S.), iii. 438–9).

683. Reading Abbey (1135–54)

The sheriff is to let the monks have their land at Houghton (Beds.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) W(illelmo) Bacon vic(ecomiti) salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittas monachos de Rading(is) terram suam de Hocton(a) cum appendiciis tenere, ita bene et in pace et quiete sicut eam melius tenuerunt tempore regis H(enrici) et meo postea, et sicut carte eorum testantur quas inde habent, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.; B.M. *Harley MS. 1708, f. 29v.

This is our only reference to William Bacon as sheriff of Bedfordshire. He witnesses a charter of Ranulf Earl of Chester (1142–53) (Stenton, *Danelaw Docs.*, no. 496). In 1166 he was a tenant of William de Montfichet in Essex (*Red Bk. Exch.* 349). He seems to be related to Roger Bacon who married the daughter of William fitz John of Harptree (Somerset) before 1166 (ibid. 219).

684. Reading Abbey (1136–40, at Fareham)

The abbot's men at Whitsbury (Hants) to be quit of pleas etc.

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] Waltero Sar(esberiensi) et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod terra et homines abb(atis) Rading(ensis) de Wicheb(uria) sint quieti de placitis et querelis et hund(redis) et scir(is) et auxiliis vic(ecomitis) et omnibus aliis rebus et occasionibus sicut quietiores erant tempore regis H(enrici) et sicut carta ejus et mea testatur. T(este) A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Ferham.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29v (without witnesses).

Date: Aubrey de Vere I d. May 1141, and Aubrey de Vere II joined the empress in 1141. Walter of Salisbury's son, William, was with the empress in 1141, so this is probably earlier. Stephen was at Lincoln from Christmas 1140 till his capture 2 Feb. 1141.

685. Reading Abbey (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirming the land given by Ingelram apostolicus at Whitsbury (Hants)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Rading(ensis) et abbati et monachis in perpetuam elemosinam terram de Wicheb(ur)ia que fuit Ingel(rami) apostolici monachi sui ex dono regis H(enrici). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aqua et molendinis in warenn(is) et in omnibus rebus cum socca et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus ei pertinentibus cum quibus ecclesia Rading(ensis) tenet alias terras suas et sicut carte regis H(enrici) testantur. T(estibus) H(enrico episcopo Winton(iensi), R(ogero) episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et W(illelmo Mart(el). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29v (without witnesses).

Date: Before the arrest of the bishops. Same as **686**. For Ingelram's gift see *Regesta*, ii. 1862, and ccxcvii.

686. Reading Abbey (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirming land at Rowington (Warws.), Houghton (Beds.), and Whitsbury (Hants)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concessi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rading(is) et abbati et monachis in perpetuam elemosinam manerium de Rokintona in Warwicsc(ira) ad tenendum de me in capite sicut propriam elemosinam meam; quod manerium Adelicia de Evereio eis dedit concessu regis H(enrici). Et concedo eis unam hidam terre et dimidiam in Hoctona de dono Roberti comitis Legr(ecestrie) sicut carta regis Henrici et carta comitis testantur. Et concedo eis terram de Wicheberia que fuit Ingelr(ami) apostolici monachi sui ex dono regis Henrici. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis

in aqua et molendinis in warennis in omnibus rebus cum socco et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus eis pertinentibus cum quibus ecclesia Rading(ensis) tenet alias terras suas et sicut carte regis Henrici testantur. T(estibus) H(enrico) episcopo Wint(oniensi), et R(ogero) episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et A(lexandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et R(oberto) de Ver, et A(lberico) de Ver, et Will(elmo) Martel. Apud Oxon(iam).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29.
Date: At Oxford and before the arrest of the bishops. Cf. *Regesta* ii, nos. 1506, 1757, 1862.

687. Reading Abbey (1136–54, at Oxford)

The abbot's men at Rowington (Warws.) to be quit of pleas etc.

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] vicecom(iti) et baron(ibus) Warwicsc(ire) salutem. Precipio quod terra et homines abbatis de Rading(is) de Rokint(ona) sint quieti de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et omnibus rebus aliis. Et si latrocinium vel murdrum in ea evenerit ipsi illud placitent et forisfactum inde habeant et justiciam, q(uia) sic eis per omnia concedo sicut rex H(enricus) concessit et dedit et per breve suum precepit. T(estibus) R. canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Oxen(efordiam).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29 (without witnesses).
Date: Cf. **676, 677.**

688. Reading Abbey (1135–9, at Westminster)

The abbot is to hold the land of Rowington (Warws.) with quittances as in the time of Henry I

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Wirec(estrie) et com(iti) de Warwic' et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris de Warwicsc(ira) salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Rading(is) teneat terram et homines suos de Rochintona ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete in pratis et pasturis et aquis et via et semitis et divisis cum omnibus quiet(ationibus) suis de plac(itis) omnibus et querel(is) et scir(is) et hundr(edis) et occasion(ibus) sicut melius tenuer(at) tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Quia ecclesia illa in manu et tutela m[ea est] propria sicut erat in manu regis Henrici. Teste R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19580 (original, $6\frac{3}{5}'' \times 3\frac{4}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 295), like **679**, with fine impression of Stephen's (genuine) first seal in white wax on a strip partially but not completely torn and sewn on to the stub of the tongue). Copy in Harley MS. 1708, f. 29.
Printed: *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 292; *Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.*, 2nd series, xi. 11.
Date: First seal.

689. Reading Abbey (1139–53, at Reading)

The land of Rowington (Warws.) quit of danegeld etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) R(ogero) comiti Warwic' et ministr(is) suis salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod terra et homines monacorum Rading(ensis) de Rochintona sint bene et in pace et quieti de danegeld(is) et de omnibus aliis exactionibus, sicut fuerunt tempore regis Henrici, et sicut carta regis Henrici et mea eis testantur, et volo quod pacem habeant. Teste R(icardo) de Luci. Apud Rading(as).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19582 (original, $5\frac{7}{10}'' \times 2\frac{9}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 297), with a fragment of Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue). Copy in Harley MS. 1708, f. 29.
Printed: *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 293; *Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.*, 2nd series, xi. 26.
Date: Second seal and before the death of Roger Earl of Warwick (12 June 1153).

690. Reading Abbey (1139–40, at Norwich)

Confirmation of the lands of Windsor (Berks.) and Catshill (Surrey) in frankalmoign

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Radingis et monachis ibidem deo

servientibus, pro salute anime mee et regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro incolumitate totius regni mei, totam terram de Windesoris et de Cateshila in perpetuam elemosinam, que fuit Gaufr(idi) Purcell(i), tali tenore quod Rad(ulfus) Purcell(us) teneat de ipsis monachis xx solidatas de terra de Windr(esoris) sicut inde finivit coram me cum ipsis monachis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie teneant[1] in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis, in aquis et stagnis et molendinis, in civitate et extra et in omnibus rebus et locis omnibus, et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietanciis ad terram illam pertinentibus, et cum quibus melius et liberius et quietius tenent alias terras suas. Testibus G(aufrido) de Magnavilla, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Turgis(io) de Abrincis, et Elya de Amundevilla, et Joh(ann)e vicec(omite), et Rob(er)to Burnell(o), et Rad(ulfo) Purcell(o). Apud Norwicu(m).

[1] *Interlineated in MS.*

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19584 (original, $7\frac{1}{5}'' \times 5\frac{3}{5}''$, in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 299), with fold and slit at bottom; tag and seal missing). Copies in Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18^{v}, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 28^{v} (incomplete).

Printed: *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 291; Hurry, *Reading Abbey*, 159 (cal.).

Date: After Richard de Lucy's return to England at the end of 1138, and before Geoffrey de Mandeville was made an earl (sometime in 1140). Round's date of Aug. 1140 is attractive though not proven. For the land in question see *Regesta*, ii. 1655.

691. Reading Abbey (1135–54)

The monks to hold their land in Windsor and Catshill freely

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Will(elm)o Mart(el) et ministris suis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie et monachis de Rading(is) pro salute anime mee et anime regis H(enrici) terram que fuit G(alfridi) Purcell de Windles(ores) et de Cateshal(a). Et precipio quod ipsi monachi am(od)o eam libere et quiete teneant sicut melius tenent alias terras suas. Et homines sui in pace teneant. Et si quid de catallis suis captum est totum reddatur. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 1708, f. 29.

This suggests that William Martel was sheriff of Surrey during part of Stephen's reign, as he certainly was for Henry II in 1154–5 (*Red Bk. Exch.*, ed. Hall (R.S.), 654).

692. Reading Abbey (1140–54, at Oxford)

Anything unjustly taken from the monks' land of Catshill to be restored

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) comiti de Warenna salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittas monacos de Rading(is) tenere terram suam de Cateshulla quam Gaufr(idus) Purcel meo concessu dedit eis, bene et in pace et l[ib]ere sicut carta mea testatur quam in(de) habent quod tenere debent. Et quicquid inde cepisti totum eis juste reddas. Et, si quicquam in[de] clamaveris, venias in curiam meam et tenebo inde tibi plenum rectum sicut de re corone mee pertinente. Et scias quod multum miror quod ipsos monac(hos) in(de) laboras. Teste Rob(erto) cancellario. Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19583 (original, $5\frac{4}{5}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$, in the hand of an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 298), with an impression of Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue which has broken off and been stuck on again). Copy in Harley MS. 1708, f. 28^{v}.

Printed: *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 291; *Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.*, 2nd series, xi. 25; Hurry, *Reading Abbey*, 162; van Caenegem, no. 45; T.A.M.B., pl. xxi (b) (facs.).

Date: While Robert de Gant was chancellor, and *either* before William de Warenne II went on crusade (1147) *or* after Stephen's son William married Isabel de Warenne (1148–9).

693. Reading Abbey (1141–44, at Windsor)

The monks to have their property in London as attested by Hugh Archbishop of Rouen

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecomit(i) et baronibus Lond(onie) salutem. Sciatis quod H(ugo) archiepiscopus Rothomag(ensis) testatur per breve suum quod Algarus presbiter et Baldewinus frater ejus dederunt in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rading(is) terras suas et mansiones suas Lond(onie) dum predictus archiepiscopus abbas erat in prefata ecclesia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia

et monachi habeant et teneant terras easdem et mansiones ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut predicti fratres eis eas dederunt, et sicut archiepiscopus prefatus testatur in presentia sua donationem illam factam fuisse. T(este) Roberto de Ver. Apud Wind(elso)r(as).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19, Harley MS. 1708, f. 29 (without witnesses).

Date: Hugh wrote two letters giving his testimony (Egerton 3031, f. 49v), one to R(obert) Bishop of London (June 1141–1151) and another to 'senatoribus inclitis civibus honoratis et omnibus communie Londiniensis' in which he starts by thanking them for their loyalty to Stephen—'Deo et vobis agimus gratias pro vestra fidelitate stabili et certa domino nostro regi Stephano jugiter impensa'—which must refer to 1141 (and could not be later than 1144 when Hugh had to recognize Geoffrey as Duke of Normandy). (The letter is also in Harley 1708, f. 113, and was partly printed by Round in *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 116.)

694. Reading Abbey (Christmas 1146 or 1147, at London)

Grant of the king's manor of Blewbury (Berks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia pro salute anime mee et Mathild[is] regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei dedi et concessi ecclesie Beate Marie Rading' et monachis ibidem deo servientibus manerium meum de Bleber(ia) cum omnibus eidem pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete teneant et in perpetuum possideant in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, et cum omnibus aliis rebus, cum saca et socna et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus et quietationibus eidem manerio pertinentibus, cum quibus Henricus rex avunculus meus vel ego melius vel liberius tenuimus, et sicut ipsi monachi melius et liberius et quietius tenent alias terras suas. T(estibus) M(athilde) regina uxore mea, et H(enrico) Wint(oniensi) episcopo fratre meo, et Rogero episcopo Cestr(ensi), et H[enrico] decano de Waltham, et comite E(ustachio) filio meo, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19581 (original, $8\frac{4}{5}'' \times 5\frac{1}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 296), with a fine impression of Stephen's second seal in white wax on a tongue). Copies in Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 30.

Printed: *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 291–2; *Palaeog. Soc. Facs.* i, pl. 192 (3); *Trans. Roy. Soc. Lit.*, 2nd series, xi. 24; Hurry, *Reading Abbey*, 163; J. H. Round in *Athenaeum*, 18 Feb. 1899.

Date: Eustace became Count of Boulogne at Christmas 1146 or early in 1147. Bishop Roger of Chester went on crusade in 1147, dying at Antioch in April 1148. This charter must therefore be subsequent to that of the empress granting Blewbury **703**; and if both charters are genuine we have here one of those rare cases when something was given to the same beneficiary by both the empress and Stephen, and at dates other than 1141.

694a. Reading Abbey (Christmas 1146 or 1147)

Eustace the king's son confirms Blewbury (Berks.)

Eustachius filius regis comes Bolonie omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse illam donationem quam rex Stephanus pater meus fecit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rading' de manerio Bleberie. Quare volo quod ecclesia illa et monachi ibidem deo servientes teneant et habeant manerium illud bene et in pace et honorifice sicut rex eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) W(illelmo) de Ipra, et Ricardo de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 18.

Date: Same as **694**.

695. Reading Abbey (1147–8 (or possibly later), at Bury St. Edmunds)

Confirming Queen Adeliza's gift of the church of Berkeley 'hernesse'

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me

concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse donationem illam quam Adelida regina fecit deo et ecclesia de Rading' et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de ecclesiis de Berchel(eia). Quare volo et precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi ecclesias illas bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant in perpetua elemosina cum terris et decimis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis earum et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus illis pertinentibus sicut predicta Adel(ida) regina illas eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de Ver, et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Rein(aldo) de Warenn(a), et Gaufr(ido) de Ver. Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 19, Harley MS. 1708, f. 30 (without witnesses).

Date: Queen Adeliza's charter (Egerton MS. 3031, f. 16v) is witnessed by Hilary Bishop of Chichester (cons. 3 Aug. 1147) and addressed to Simon Bishop of Worcester (d. 20 March. 1150); and Gilbert Foliot's Letter 55 (ed. Giles) suggests that it was while Gilbert was still abbot of Gloucester (i.e. before 5 Sept. 1148). Stephen's charter is presumably about the same date. Cf. Saltman, *Theobald*, 441–3. The church of Berkeley Hernesse was also claimed by both Stanley Priory, a dependency of Gloucester Abbey (Saltman, *Theobald*, 476), and St. Augustine's, Bristol which was granted it *c.* 1148 by Robert fitz Harding, a supporter of the empress who presumably paid no attention to Stephen's orders (*V.C.H. Glos.* ii. 75).

696. Reading Abbey (4 Apr.–25 Oct. 1154, at London)

General confirmation of grants up to Easter 1154

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rading(is) et monachis in ea deo famulantibus omnes illas terras et tenuras quas rex Henricus avunculus meus eis dedit et concessit et cartis suis confirmavit et omnes illas terras et tenuras quas ego ipse eis dedi et concessi et cartis meis confirmavi, et omnes alias terras et tenuras quas alii eis dederunt et concesserunt de quibus habent scripta et confirmationes de eodem rege Henrico avunculo meo vel de me ipso illis datas ab illo Pascha in retro quod fuit proximum post compositionem inter me et H(enricum) ducem Normannie factam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi omnes illas terras et tenuras sicut predictum est a rege Henrico vel a me ipso illis datas et confirmatas vel a quibuscumque eis concessas bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et in perpetuam elemosinam possideant solutas et quietas ab omni seculari exactione et servitio, ita quod a nemine aliquo tempore inde ponantur in placitum, nec alicui inde respondeant. T(estibus) Comite Hugone, et Henrico de Essexa, et Ricardo de Luci, et Warino de Lusor(iis). Apud Lundon(iam).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 17v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 28v (without witnesses).

Date: After Easter 1154 as stated in the text. Cf. 866.

697. Reading Abbey (2 Feb.–7 Apr. 1141, at Reading)

The empress grants the church of Stanton Harcourt (Oxon.)

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia A(lexandro) episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et omnibus baronibus de Oxenefordescire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesiam de Stantune cum omnibus rebus ei pertinentibus, in decimis et terris et omnibus aliis rebus ecclesie Sancte Mar(ie) de Rading(is) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in elemosinam, sic(ut) eam A(delida) regina uxor patris mei et W(illelmus) vir ejus eis dederunt [et per] cartas suas confirmaverunt, et volo et precipio ut eam bene et in pace teneant sicut melius [alias] suas res tenent. His testibus B(ernardo) episcopo de Sancto D(avi)d, et R(odberto) comite de Gloec(estria), et Hun(frido) de Buun dapifero. Apud Rading(as).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19578 (original, $7\frac{3}{8}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$, written in an unidentified hand (*not*, as H. E. Salter claimed, the same as in 629 and 632), with fold and white leather tag, now broken, but no seal). Copies in Egerton MS. 3031, f. 15v, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 19 (without witnesses).

Printed: Warner and Ellis, i. 20 (facs.); Kennett, *Parochial Antiquities*, i. 132; *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 290; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 392.

Date: After the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb. 1141) but before the empress was styled *Domina Anglorum* at Winchester (7/8 April 1141). She was at Oxford on 30 March, and may well have proceeded to Winchester via Reading.

698. Reading Abbey (4 Dec. 1139–7 Apr. 1141)

The empress grants the church of Thatcham (Berks.)

Mathild(is) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia episcopo Sar(esberiensi) et archidiacono et omnibus baronibus de Berchescira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Rading(is) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute anime mee et regis Henrici patris mei et pro incolumitate totius regni Anglie ecclesiam de Tacheham quod est manerium ipsorum monachorum cum omnibus que ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinent, sicut unquam ipsam ecclesiam melius tenuit Rogerus episcopus Sar(esberiensis). His testibus Milo(ne) constabulo, et Unfrido de Buhun dapifero, et Willelmo camerario de Pontearche.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 15^{v}, Cotton MS. Vespasian E. v, f. 78^{v}, Harley MS. 1708, f. 19 (without witnesses).

Date: After the death of Roger of Salisbury, and before the empress was *domina Anglorum*.

699. Reading Abbey (2 Feb.–25 July 1141, at Reading)

The empress confirms Geoffrey Purcell's gift of the land of Windsor and Catshill

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum regina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Radingis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus, pro salute anime mee, et pro anima Henrici regis patris mei, et pro incolumitate Gauffr(idi) Andegavorum comitis, et domini Henrici filii mei et aliorum filiorum meorum, et pro statu totius regni, terram de Windesoris et de Cateshella in perpetuam elemosinam, que fuit Gauffredi Purcell(i), quam monasterio Radingensi dedit quando ibi monachus devenit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace, et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie teneant, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis, in aquis et stagnis et molendinis, in civitate et extra, et in omnibus rebus et locis omnibus, et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietantiis ad terram illam pertinentibus. T(estibus) Henrico episcopo Wint(oniensi), Alex(andro) Linchoniensi (*sic*) episcopo, Nigello episcopo Heliensi, Bernardo episcopo de Sancto D(avi)d, Rodb(er)to episcopo Herefordense (*sic*), et t(estibus) Rob(er)to comite de Gloecestria, et Reginaldo comite filio regis, et Rodb(er)to fratre ejus, et Brien(tio) filio comitis, et Milone constabulo (*sic*), Joh(ann)e Maresc(allo). Apud Rading(as).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. Ch. 19576 (original, $8\frac{4}{5}'' \times 4\frac{3}{4}''$, in an unidentified hand with a very narrow fold; slits for tag, but tag and seal missing). Copies in Egerton MS. 3031, f. 16, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 19^{v} (no witnesses).

Printed: *Palaeog. Soc. Facs.* i, pl. 193 (facs.); *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 289; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 389; see also Hurry, *Reading Abbey*, 161, and Round, *G. de M.* 82.

Date: The charter is unconvincing in every way, both appearance and text being against it. It is probably unimportant therefore that the empress styles herself queen (cf. **343**)—or that Henry Bishop of Winchester is not styled papal legate. The witness-list includes most of the famous supporters of the empress that would occur to a forger, but John Marshall was normally known as John fitz Gilbert as in **702** and **704**. If the charter were genuine it would have to be dated after the battle of Lincoln (2 Feb.) and before Miles of Gloucester was created Earl of Hereford (25 July) in 1141. Cf. **690**, and note that in it there is no suggestion that Geoffrey Purcell had become a monk.

700. Reading Abbey (Feb.–Apr. 1141, at Reading)

The empress grants the land of Herbert fitz Fulcher [at Marlborough, Wilts.]

Mathild(is) imperatrix Henrici regis filia Johanni Marescallo et vicecomiti de Wiltesir(a) et hominibus de Merleb(er)ga salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Radingis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute anime mee et H(enrici) regis patris mei et omnium parentum meorum terram H(er)eb(er)ti filii Fulcherii qui apud Rading(as) monachus devenit, cum domibus et omnibus ad ipsam terram pertinentibus, ita scilicet ut sic libere teneant sicut cetera omnia sua ex dono patris mei tenent, et sicut predictus H(er)eb(er)tus unquam melius tenuit. His testibus H(enrico) episcopo Wintonie, et A(lexandro) episcopo Lincoln(ie), et R(oberto) comite Gloec(estrie), et Milone constabul(ari)o, et Hunfrido de Buhun dapifero. Apud Radingia(s).

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 15^{v}, Harley MS. 1708, f. 19^{v} (without witnesses).

Date: As for **697**. The land was at Marlborough (Warner and Ellis, i. 40).

701. Reading Abbey (8 April–25 July 1141, at Oxford)

The empress grants the manor of Brimfield (Heref.)

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina R(oberto) episcopo Hereford(ensi) et Miloni de Gloec(estrie) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Herefordsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse abbati et monachis de Rading(is) et Leom(inistria) manerium de Bromesfeld(a) quod Ulgerus venator tenuit sicut jus ecclesie de Leom(inistria). Et volo et firmiter precipio quod teneant manerium illud bene et in pace et honorifice et libere sicut tenent Leom(inistriam) quod est caput ejusdem manerii cum omnibus suis consuetudinibus et libertatibus quibus tenent omnes alias teneduras suas. T(estibus) A(exandro) ep(iscopo) Linc(olniensi), et canc(ellario), et Rob(erto) de Oilli. Apud Oxoneford.

MS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 63.

Date: After the empress was *Domina Anglorum* and before Miles of Gloucester was created Earl of Hereford. Brimfield was a member of the royal manor of Leominster in 1086 (D.B. i. 180).

702. Reading Abbey (1141–7, at Devizes)

The empress grants the church of Berkeley (Glos.) to the abbey

Mathildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina H(enrico) filio suo archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciar(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et pro anima H(enrici) regis patris mei et M(athildis) regine matris mee, et mea, et pro animabus an(te)cessorum meorum et pro salute et incolumitate Gaufridi ducis Normannie domini mei et mea liberorum nostrorum necnon et pro stabilitate et pace regni Anglie, dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie et monachis Rading(arum) ecclesiam Berkel(eie) cum suis appendiciis. Hoc videlicet quod clerici ibi habeant ecclesias et capellas et decimas ad eam pertinentes. T(estibus) Rob(erto) comite Gloecestr(ie), et Unfr(ido) de Buhun dapifero, et Johanne filio Gisleberti, et Willelmo Diffublato, et Gocelino Baillolo. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 15ᵛ, Harley MS. 1708, f. 19 (without witnesses).

Date: Robert of Gloucester d. 31 Oct. 1147. The empress became *Domina Anglorum* 7/8 April 1141. If this results from the gift by Queen Adeliza, the date cannot be earlier than 1147, but it is hard to reconcile this charter with Robert fitz Harding's gift of the same church to St. Augustine's Abbey, Bristol. See **695** and note.

703. Reading Abbey (1144–7, and probably 1144, at Devizes)

The empress grants Blewbury (Berks.)

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me pro anima H(enrici) regis patris mei et M(athildis) regine matris mee et antecessorum meorum, in perpetuam elemosinam, et pro amore et legali servitio Bri(entii) filii comitis, quod mihi[1] fecit, dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie et monachis Rading(arum) Bleberiam, ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie tenendam, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenethef,[2] et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus, sicut H(enricus) rex pater meus eam melius et liberius et quietius et plenarius habuit et tenuit. Testibus Rob(erto) comite Gloec(estrie), et Regin(aldo) comite Cornubie, et Rog(er)o comite Heref(ordie), et Vnfrid(o) de Buh(un) dapifero, et Will(elm)o filio Alani, et Josco[3] de Dinan, et Walkelino Maminot, et Will(elm)o Paganell(o), et Will(elm)o filio Hamon(is),[4] Hugon(e) filio Ricard(i), et Riulf(o) de Sessun. Apud Divis(as).

[1] *19577* michi [2] *19577* infangenetheof [3] *19577* Joscio [4] *19577* Will(el)mo Hamonis

MSS.: B.M. Add Ch. *19579 and 19577, both pretended originals. Of the two 19579, ($6\frac{4}{5}'' \times 5''$, in an unidentified hand, with a tongue and wrapper but no seal) looks the more plausible; 19577, ($7\frac{1}{5}'' \times 5\frac{3}{4}''$, in an unidentified hand, with a fold and cord but no seal) seems to have been copied from it with a few antiquarian features added. Cartulary copies in Egerton MS. 3031, f. 15, and Harley MS. 1708, f. 19ᵛ.

Printed: Warner and Ellis, i. 22 (facs.); *Archaeol. Journ.* xx. 290; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 394; Hurry, *Reading Abbey*, 162.

Date: After Roger had succeeded to earldom of Hereford (24 Dec. 1143) and before the death of Robert Earl of Gloucester (31 Oct. 1147). Most probably 1144 since several witnesses are common to this charter and **111**. See also **694**.

704. Reading Abbey (1147 or 1149, at Devizes)

The young Henry grants the manor of Blewbury (Berks.)

Henricus ducis Normannie et comitis Andegavie filius archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me pro animabus Henrici regis illustris avi mei ejusque uxoris Mathildis regine venerande avie mee et antecessorum meorum et pro amore et legali servitio Briencii filii comitis quod domine M(athildi) matri mee imperatrici et mihi fecit, in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse et concessisse sicut et prefata domina et mater mea dedit et concessit donumque suum et concessionem carte sue sigillate auctoritate stabiliter confirmavit, deo ejusque matri Beate Marie semper Virgini et monachis Rading(arum) Bleberiam ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie tenendam cum socca et sacca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus sicut Henricus rex avus meus eam melius et liberius et quietius et plenarius habuit et tenuit. T(estibus) avunculo meo Regin(aldo) comite Cornubie, Patricio comite Wiltescir(e), Johanne filio Gisleberti, et multis aliis. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 20, Harley MS. 1708, f. 24 (without witnesses).

Date: While Geoffrey was Duke of Normandy and Henry was in England.

705. Reading Abbey (1150–7 Sept. 1151, at Falaise)

Duke Henry orders Roger the archdeacon not to take Thatcham church (Berks.) from the monks of Reading

H(enricus) dux Normannorum Rogero archidiacono salutem. Mando tibi quod ecclesiam de Tacheham quam domina imperatrix mater mea et ego donavimus monachis de Rading(is) eam ab eis alienare non presumas.[1] T(este) Willelmo canc(ellario). Apud Falesiam.

[1] *H* permittas

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Vespasian E. v, f. 57, Harley MS. 1708, f. 24v (without witnesses).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy but not Count of Anjou. Cf. **706–8**.

706. Reading Abbey (1150–7 Sept. 1151, at Falaise)

Duke Henry grants the church of Berkeley (Glos.)

Henricus dei gratia dux Normannorum omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis tam clericis quam laicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et in perpetuam elemosinam concessisse necnon et sigilli me(i) auctoritate confirmasse deo et Sancte Marie de Rading(is) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de Berkel(eia) integre cum omnibus appendiciis suis pro anima regis H(enrici) avi mei et pro salute mea et patris mei et matris mee et fratrum meorum. Et volo quod eam habeant et teneant sicut melius et liberius tenent quicquid donatione predicti regis Henrici avi mei possident. T(estibus) Willelmo canc(ellario), Alexandro de Bohun dapifero, Willelmo de Crevecuer, Willelmo de Ansgervill(a). Apud Falesiam.

MS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 20.

Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy and before he had succeeded to the county of Anjou.

707. Reading Abbey (1150–7 Sept. 1151, at Falaise)

Duke Henry notifies Archbishop Theobald about the church of Berkeley and seeks his help

Venerabili patri et amico karissimo T(heobaldo) dei gratia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo et apostolice sedis legato H(enricus) eadem gratia dux Norm(annorum) salutem et dilectionem. Notum sit paternitati vestre me dedisse et concessisse monachis ecclesie Sancte Marie de

Rading(is) ecclesiam de Berkelaia cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus. Sed quia hanc donationem audivi displicere Rogero de B(er)kel(eia) cuidam meo firmario, paternitati vestre preces porrigo quod si opus fuerit et monachi petierint prefatum Rogerum ab eorum infestatione si forte infestare presumpserit ecclesiastica animadversione cohibeatis. T(este) Will(elmo) cancellario. Apud Falesiam.

MS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 20.
Printed: Saltman, *Archbishop Theobald*, 442–3.
Date: as for no. **706**. For Roger de Berkeley's part in the affair see Saltman, *Theobald*, 442, and 476–7. Theobald had already (1149–50) confirmed some purtenances of Berkeley Church to Roger de Berkeley's monastery of Stanley (Glos.).

708. Reading Abbey (1150–1)

Duke Henry orders Roger of Berkeley to let the monks have Berkeley church

H(enricus) dux Normannie (*sic*) Rogero de Berkel(eia) salutem. Mando tibi et precipio q(uod) ecclesiam de Berkel(eia) quam domina imperatrix mater mea et ego dedimus monachis de Rading(is) eis in bono et in pace habere sinas. T(este) W(illelmo) canc(ellario).

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 1708, f. 200v.
Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy (1150) and before he became Count of Anjou (7 Sept. 1151).

709. Reading Abbey (Apr.–Dec. 1154, at Eu)

Duke Henry orders the Abbot of Reading to keep the agreement made about Berkeley

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) R(eginaldo) abbati Rading' et toti conventui salutem et dilectionem. Mando vobis et precipio quatinus sicut amorem meum diligitis et sicut in me confidere vultis, comp(ositi)onem que per me et coram me facta fuit super ecclesia de Berkel(eia) ratam et inconcussam teneatis. Comes enim Reg(inaldus) qui in hoc et in aliis negotiis meis locum meum tenet in Angl(ia) xv libratas terre quas vobis dare pepigi vobis assignabit ecclesie vestre in perpetuam elemosinam optinendas de dominio videlicet meo. Vos autem in termino quem ipse vobis constitu(er)it ad eum veniatis et terram illam omni occasione remota recipiatis. Ego vero ratum et firmum habeo q(uod) ipse vobis faciet, et jam diu terram illam vobis assignassem si negotiis magnis et multis impeditus non fuissem. T(estibus)[1] Reginaldo comite Cornubie, et Roberto de Dunstanvilla. Apud Augum.

[1] *Harley MS. stops here*

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 26, Harley MS. 1708, f. 25v.
Printed: Richardson and Sayles, *The Governance of Mediaeval England*, 256, n. 2.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy.

710. Reading Abbey (Apr. 1153—Apr. 1154, at Wilton)

Duke Henry orders the men of Berkshire to go to the abbot's market at Thatcham (Berks.)

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus hominibus de Berkesc(ira) salutem. Mando vobis et firmiter precipio quod eatis ad forum abbatis de Rading(is) de Tacheha(m) sicut solebatis tempore regis H(enrici) avi mei super forisfacturam x libr(arum), et eadem die qua tunc illud solebatis facere. Et nisi feceritis, justicia mea hoc faciat. T(este) Regin(aldo) comite Cornubie. Apud Wiltonam.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 26v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 24v (without witnesses).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in England.

711. Reading Abbey (1159–60, at N.-D. du Pré (Rouen))

The empress gives orders for the monks to hold Bradford (Heref.) freely

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia Mauricio de Hereford salutem. Mando tibi et precipio ex parte mea et filii mei H(enrici) regis Angl(orum) quod nullo modo patiaris monachos Rading' in placitum mitti de catallis suis vel de terris aliquibus et nominatim de

Bradeford unde saisiati fuerunt quando filius meus idem rex novissime transfretavit veniens in Norm(anniam) donec ipse item in Angliam redeat. Quod nisi feceris justicia Anglie fieri faciet. T(este) Huberto de Wallibus. Apud Pratum.

MSS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3031, f. 94v, Harley MS. 1708, f. 19v (without witness or place).
Date: In Henry II's reign Maurice was sheriff of Herefordshire 1154–5 and 1159–60 (*Red Bk. Exch.* 650, and Eyton, *Henry II*, p. 338). Henry II was not in Normandy in 1155, but he was from 14 Aug. 1158 until 25 Dec. 1162 (Eyton, *Henry II*, pp. 40–58). The date of this writ must therefore be 1159–60, and Matilda seems to be acting as a regent for England while resident in Normandy. This would suggest the period of Henry's expedition to Toulouse (June–Sept. 1159).

712. Redlingfield Priory (1135–9, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the grants made by Emma Countess of Guisnes and Stephen himself while Count of Mortain

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo de Thetford et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Suffolchia et de Norfolchia salutem. Sciatis me concessisse sanctimonialibus de Radyngefelde donationem illam quam Emma comitissa de Gennes eis fecit de terra de Raddingefeld et de omnibus rebus que pertinent ad eandem terram sicut ipsa comitissa eis dedit et concessit et sicut ego ipse eis concessi dum comes fui de Moritonio, de cujus feodo est eadem terra. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice teneant cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis et quietationibus et libertatibus suis eidem terre pertinentibus. Testibus Hugone Bygot, et Willelmo Martel, et J(ohanne) Marescallo. Apud Westmonasterium.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 13 Ed. I, m. 16.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 308; *Archaeologia*, xxxi. 221.
Date: John Marshall was with the empress by Sept 1139.

713. Redlingfield Priory (1136–45, at Eye)

The church of Redlingfield to be in peace as in the time of Robert Malet (d. 1106)

Stephanus rex Anglorum E(verardo) episcopo Norwycensi salutem et amorem. Precipio quod ecclesia de Radynggesfeld et ea que ad eam pertinent sint bene et in pace sicut erant tempore Roberti Malet et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, nec ponatur in aliam consuetudinem. Teste Willelmo Martel.[1] Apud Eyam.

[1] *MS.* Martin

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 13 Ed. I, m. 16.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 308; *Archaeologia*, xxxi. 221.
Date: While Everard was Bishop of Norwich. Though the priory was not founded till 1120, it was given the parish church whose lands are here referred to. In 1086 Robert Malet was overlord of Redlingfield, his sub-tenant being William of Arras whose daughter Emma founded the priory.

714. Rheims, Abbey of S. Remi (1136–Mar. 1137, at Nottingham)

Confirmation of King Henry I's grant of 1 hide of land in Marston in Church Eaton (Staffs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo Cestr[ensi] et justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Stadfordscira salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse in elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Remigii Remensis et monachis illam hidam terre de Merstona quam rex H(enricus) eis dedit, et alias terras suas de quocumque illas habeant, sicut rex H(enricus) eis illas concessit per cartam suam. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis, et aquis et molendinis, et in via et semitis, et in omnibus aliis locis sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis H(enrici), ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia super decem librarum forisfacturam, sicut rex H(enricus) hoc precepit per cartam suam. Testibus R(oberto) filio Ricardi, et Walch(elino) Maminot. Apud Notingham.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 6 Ed. III, pt. i, m. 8.
Printed: **Monast.* vi. 1099.
S. Remi already held Marston in 1086 (D.B. i. 222v).

715. Ridware, William de (1136–54, at Woodstock)

William de Ridware to hold his land in Edingale (Staffs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vicecomiti et ministris suis de Stapfford salutem. Precipio quod Will(elmu)s de Rydewar(e) teneat terram de Edringhal(e) ita bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut antecessores sui illam melius tenuerunt de antecessoribus meis. Et si de aliquo est injuste desaysitus, juste resaysyatur et teneat eo servitio quod (*sic*) predecessores sui tenuerunt, ne super hoc inde clamorem audiam pro penuria pleni recti. Teste Ric(ard)o de Canvill(a). Apud Odestoc.

MS.: B.M. *Egerton MS. 3041, f. 30v.
Printed: 'The Rydeware Chartulary', ed. I. H. Jeayes and Maj.-Gen. the Hon. G .Wrottesley, *Wm. Salt Soc.* xvi (1895), 279.

716. Rievaulx Abbey (Feb.–Mar. 1136, at York)

Confirmation of Walter Espec's foundation charter

[Stephanus rex] Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et [omnibus fidelibus suis salutem]. [Sciati]s me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et abbati et monachis [de Rievallibus pro dei amo]re et salute anime mee [et antecessorum me]orum, et pro statu regni mei novem carrucatas terre quas Walt(eru)s Espec eis ded[it et concessit] in elemosinam perpetuam, scilicet [terram de Grif ub]i scilicet iiii carrucate, et terram que dicitur Tillestona ubi sunt v carrucate cum om[nibus appen]diciis et rebus eidem terre pertin[entibus in bosco et] plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et omnibus aliis locis per divisas et metas quas [W]alt(eru)s Espec eis fecit et statu[it] . . . [qu]as eis per cartam suam confirmavit. Et preter hec concedo eis omnia a[isiam]enta sua in manerio Walt(er)i [predicti de Helmesla]ca sicut Walt(er)us Espec eis dedit et concessit, scilicet materiem et ligna [ad proprios usu]s suos, et pascua et panna[gia ab] om[ni consuetudine quieta in omnibus locis Walteri] de Helmeslac sicut idem Walt(er)us liberius h[abuit ad su]um proprium opus. Quare v[olo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi bene et in pace] et quiete teneant de omni theman[etala] [et] danegeldo et o[mnibus auxiliis] et omni terreno servitio quod mihi vel [Waltero vel success]oribus meis [vel suis unquam pertineat, nunc et usque in semp]iternum ea omnia eis quieta et soluta dono et regia [auctoritate et a deo . . . confirmo, et illi predicte ecclesie] et fratribus in ea deo servientibus hoc inconcusse illi-[bateque imperpetuum obtinenda concedo sicut Henricus] rex Angl(orum) predecessor et avunculus meus per cartam suam concessi[t]. [Testibus subscriptis in quorum audientia etc. hec . . .] mee concessa sunt Turst(ino) archiep(iscop)o Ebor(acensi), Alex(andro) e[piscopo Lincolniensi], . . . po, et Rog(ero) canc(ellario), et Henr(ico) de Soilli nepote regis, . . .[Thurst]ino de Baioc(is), et Will(elmo) de Trailli. Ap(ud) Eborac(um), [anno] d(omi)nice [incarnationis millesim]o centesimo trecesimo quinto, scilicet regni mei primo i(n) . . . .

MS.: Belvoir Cas. *Royal Grant, no. 479 (original, much damaged, now $10\frac{4}{5}''$ (max.)$\times 7\frac{3}{4}''$, in hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 32), with impression of first seal in white wax, now stained red, on a tag showing inscr. (*obv.*)+STEPHANUS . . . (*rev.*) . . . ×NORMANNOR+). Text in square brackets conjectured from Henry I's charter (*Regesta*, no. 1782) as printed in *Cart. Abb. Riev.* (Surtees Soc. 83), p. 140.
Printed: *H.M.C., D. of Rutland*, iv. 74 (cal.).
See also **736**, Rufford.

717. Ripon Minster (Feb.–Mar. 1136, at York)

General confirmation of liberties within the banleuca

*Stephanus rex Angli*ae *archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus* baronibus *vicecomitibus et omnibus* ministris *suis fidelibus* Francis et Anglis *totius Angliae salutem. Praesentis chartae* testimonio *confirmo ecclesiae Sancti* Wilfridi de Ripun *pacem suam infra leucam suam et ejusdem pacis violatae emendationem sicut est ab* aliquo praedecessorum meorum melius *ipsi ecclesiae collata, et a* me cum eisdem regibus *confirmata. Privilegia quoque et dona*tiones quae *a regibus Edwardo* scilicet *et avo meo Willielmo consecuta est, et libertates omnes et dignitates et consuetudines et rectitudines* suas, *tam in aquis quam in terris et in omnibus possessionibus*

suis, in saca et soca et in hiis quae ad illam ubique pertinent. Ferias etiam *suas quinque diebus*, omnibus illuc venientibus et illinc redeuntibus et ibi morantibus, tam vendentibus quam ementibus, cum omnibus rebus suis, *cum mea pace concedo. Et volo et firmiter praecipio quod ipsa ecclesia ita teneat bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie in omnibus rebus, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in terris et aquis, in navibus et portubus, et* in *omnibus aliis rebus, sicut ipsa unquam melius et plenius et honorabilius tenuit tempore regis Edvardi, et* tempore *Willielmi avi mei, et* tempore *avunculorum meorum Willielmi* regis *et Henrici* regis, *et sicut chartae* praedecessorum meorum testificantur. *Testibus Alexandro episcopo Lincolniensi, et Nigello episcopo Eliensi*, et episcopo Ebroicensi,[1] *et Adel[ul]pho episcopo Carliensi, et Roberto de Vere. Apud Ebor[ac]um.*

[1] *Texts* Eboracensi

MS.: Lost.

Printed: 'History of the Collegiate Church at Ripon', wrongly attributed to W. Dugdale and printed b. Maynard at the end of the 2nd ed. of W. Dugdale, *The History of St. Paul's Cathedral in London* (1716) This text with corrections from the appendix to Farrer's *History of Ripon* is the basis of the text given in *J. T. Fowler, *Memorials of the Church of SS. Peter and Wilfrid, Ripon*, i. 95 (Surtees Soc. lxxiv, 1881); Farrer, *E.Y.C.*, no. 117 (from Fowler).

Date: Audoin Bishop of Évreux was at York in Feb.–Mar. 1136.

Note: The text is very similar to 99 (for Beverley Minster); words and passages in italics are the same.

718. Rochester Cath. and See (1135–9)

General confirmation

Stephanus gratia dei rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus ceterisque omnibus baronibus suis Francigenis et Anglis totius regni Anglorum salutem. Notum vobis omnibus esse volo quod omnes donationes et concessiones omnium maneriorum et omnium terrarum et omnium ecclesiarum cum omnibus redditibus et rectitudinibus suis et omnium decimarum que hactenus concesse et donate sunt ecclesie Sancti Andree apostoli que sita est in civitate Rovecestra, a quibuscunque sive regibus sive archiepiscopis vel episcopis seu comitibus seu aliis quibuslibet hujus regni nobilibus, concesse sint aut donate, ego Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum, potestate regie dignitatis mihi a deo collata, omnimodo firmas et imperpetuum stabiles esse concedo; et eas nominatim quas Gundulfus illius ecclesie episcopus, ad usum monachorum illorum qui in eadem ecclesia domino Christo et predicto apostolo devote famulantur, permaneant, ordinavit, ego eidem ecclesie et eisdem monachis jure eterne hereditatis habendas, et libere atque quiete confirmo possidendas. Et sicut ipse prenominatus episcopus qui ecclesiam illam fundavit et monachos illos illic congregavit et maneria ipsa et terras quas in suo dominico habebat ipsis monachis a suo proprio victu discrevit, et discretas jam dedit, videlicet Uldeham cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Frandesberiam cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Stoches cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Suthfletam cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Danitunam cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Lamhetham cum omnibus appenditiis suis; Hedenham cum manerio quod appendet Cudintuna nomine et cum omnibus quadraginta hidis terre que appendent; et omnes alias minutas terras et omnes redditus omnium terrarum ubicunque sint, quas suo tempore acquisivit et illis dedit cum soca et saca et tolne et teame et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et rectitudinibus et libertatibus quas ipsemet unquam melius habuit in terris et in aquis et in silvis et in viis et in omnibus locis, ita firmiter et stabiliter in omnibus, omnia ista monachis illis concedo et confirmo. Et hanc confirmationem meam pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro anima mea et uxoris mee et omnium parentum meorum stabilio, et stabilitate signi sancte crucis domini nostri Jh(es)u propria manu mea et sigillo meo consigno.

Signum Stephani regis ✠

Signum Henrici Wintoniensis ep(iscop)i ✠ — Signum Matildis regine ✠

Signum Algari ep(iscop)i de S(anc)to Laudo ✠ — Signum Waleranni comitis de Mellent ✠

Signum Adelulfi episcopi de Carl(eolo) ✠ — Signum Hugonis Bigot ✠

Signum Rogeri de Fiscanno ✠

MSS.: Rochester D. and C., *B. 780 (pretended original, $8\frac{2}{5}'' \times 11\frac{2}{5}''$, written in the hand of a Rochester scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 660), with the *signa* on three strips, $1\frac{4}{5}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$, the central one having the *signum*

of the king only above a fine impression in white wax of the forged 'first seal' of King Stephen, from the same matrix as used for 626 etc.). Copies in B.M. Cotton MS. Domitian A. x, f. 109, and Add. MS. 29437, f. 8v (both incomplete).

Printed: J. Thorpe, *Reg. Roff.* (1769), p. 37 (from the Cotton MS.); facs. of the seal in *Proc. Soc. Antiquaries*, 2nd series, xix (1901–3), 60–63.

The text reproduces the supposed charter of Henry I (Rochester D. and C., B. 778, *Regesta*, ii, no. 636) which is in the hand of a Canterbury or Rochester scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 658) but which is thought by Dr. Pierre Chaplais to be genuine with genuine seals of Henry I, Anselm, and Gundulf.

Date: Before Henry Bishop of Winchester became papal legate (29 Aug. 1139).

719. Rochester Cath. and See (1136–54, at Wallingford)

The bishop to hold his ½ virgate at Marlow (Bucks.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum ministris suis de Merlaua salutem. Precipio quod episcopus Rovec(estre) teneat dimidiam virgatam terre in Merlaua ita bene et in pace et juste et libere et quiete sicut unquam melius et quietius tenuit. Et videte ne super hoc aliquam injuriam ei faciatis, set ita in pace teneat sicut melius tenuit. Et nisi feceritis[1] justicia mea faciet. T(este) cancell(ario). Apud Wereng(efordam).

[1] *omitted in Cotton MS.*

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Domitian A. x, f. 180v (no. clxxii); P.R.O. Chart. R. 3 Ed. I, m. 1.
Printed: *C.C.R.* ii. 195.

720. Rochester Cath. and See (1140–54, at Rochester)

Confirmation of lands, tenures, and ¼ of the render of Rochester

Stephanus rex Anglorum R[eginaldo][1] fil(io) comitis et vicec(omiti) de Chent et justic(ie) et ministris de Rovec(estra) salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia et monachi Sancti Andree de Rovec(estra) teneant et habeant omnes terras et tenuras suas et homines et consuetudines suas et quartam partem redditus Rovec(estre) ita bene et in pace et juste et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici in die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et tempore aliorum regum antecessorum meorum, ne super hoc aliquis eis inde auferat vel minuat quicquam, neque clamorem inde audiam. Test(e) Rob(erto) canc(ellario). Apud Rovec(estram).

[1] *MS.* Radulfo

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Domitian A. x, f. 181v (no. lxxv).
Printed: Thorpe, *Reg. Roff.*, p. 37.

721. Rochester Cath. and See (May 1153–Dec. 1154)

Duke Henry confirms Henry I's grant of the church of Boxley (Kent)

Henricus dux Normann(orum) et Aquitan(orum) et comes Andegavorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus suis hominibus et amicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem quam Henricus avus meus fecit ecclesie Sancti Andree de Rovecestria de ecclesia de Boxle, videlicet quam ipse rex Henricus ecclesie Sancti Andree in dedicatione ipsius dedit in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus in terris in decimis in oblationibus et in omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus sicut eam aliquis predecessorum unquam melius tenuit. Testibus . . . .

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Domitian A. x, f. 103v, Add. MS. 29437, f. 7.
Printed: Thorpe, *Reg. Roff.*, p. 177 (incorrectly).
Date: Henry's titles.

722. Romsey Abbey (1136–40, at Oxford)

Grant of the hundred of Whorwellsdown (Wilts.) for an annual rent of 40s.

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Saresberiensi et vicecomiti et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Wilteschira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie et monialibus de Romeseya hundredum de Wervesdon et omnia placita ipsi hundredo pertinentia, reddendo

inde per annum vicecomiti quadraginta solidos, sicut rex Henricus concessit eis per cartam suam. Teste Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Oxenfordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 52 Hen. III, m. 4.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 102 (no. 1).
Date: Before, or on the same occasion as, **723**.

723. Romsey Abbey (1136–40, at Oxford)

Order to Queen Adeliza and her ministers of Wiltshire that the abbess is to have Whorwellsdown hundred

Stephanus rex Anglorum Adelize regine et ministris suis de Wilteshira salutem. Precipio quod abbatissa de Romeseye teneat et habeat hundredum de Wervesdona et omnia placita ipsi pertinentia, ita bene et in pace pro quadraginta solidis reddendis inde per annum sicut rex Henricus concessit ei per cartam suam et ego per meam. Teste A(lberico) de V(ere). Apud Oxenfordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 52 Hen. III, m. 4.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 102 (no. 2).
Date: Aubrey de Vere d. probably 9 May 1140 (or, if not, then 9 May 1141).

724. Romsey Abbey (1136–40, at Oxford)

Permission to plough its lands in the forest, provided that they make no assarts

Stephanus rex Anglorum omnibus justiciariis et vicecomitibus et omnibus forestariis in quorum vicecomitatibus et forestis abbatissa de Romesey habet terras salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbatisse et monialibus de Romeseya ad arandum omnes terras suas ubicunque sint, vel in plano vel intra nemus, excepto hoc quod non faciant essartum. Testibus A(lberico) de V(ere), et Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Oxenfordiam.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 52 Hen. III, m. 4.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 102 (no. 3).
Date: As for **723**. For content cf. *Regesta*, ii, no. 1160.

725. Roncerai Abbey (*c.* 7 Dec. 1154, at Barfleur)

Notice of the termination by Duke Henry of a dispute between the nuns of Roncerai and Nivardus de Rochefort over the wood of Latai

Post obitum comitis [Gaufredi] Nivardus calumpniam fecit super boscum de Lateio, et homines Sancte Marie cepit et captos in turre posuit; moniales vero Sancte Marie, audita injuria Nivardi, conquestum suum Henrico comiti Andegavis (*sic*) et duci Normannorum apud Barbiflodium retulerunt. Illic enim iter suum parabat ad transfretandum in Angliam ad suscipiendam coronam regni Anglorum, hereditatem suam. Comes vero, ut audivit conquestum monialium et injuriam Nivardi, mandavit [et] Gosleno dapifero suo commendavit ut, sicut pater ejus boscum de Lateio liberaverat, ita et ipse proborum hominum qui affuerunt testimonio eis liberaret. Goslenus vero dapifer, acceptis litteris comitis, posuit terminum Nivardo juris faciendi monialibus. Ad terminum convenerunt Nivardus et abbatissa Th., cum testimonio proborum hominum in superioribus prenominatorum. Hii testes adducti [juxta] preceptum comitis boscum de Lateio liberum et quietum monialibus attestati sunt: Gosfredus de Cleeriis, Goslenus de Turono (*sic*), Pipinus de Turono (*sic*), Garinus de Belesmo, Choan de Brachesac, Frisonus de Brachesac, Mauricius de Lorré, Hugo decanus, magister Ruvellonus, Paganus Singe, Petrus Eudelin, Turpinus, Garinus de Turono, Bertelotus Bet Solem, Johannes Bachelotus, et plures alii.

MSS.: Angers, Bibl. Mun.; roll 1 of cartulary of Roncerai (no. 64); Paris, Bibl. Nat., Collection de Touraine, v (transcript).
Printed: Marchegay, *Cartulaire de l'abbaye de Ronceray* (*Archives d'Anjou*, t. iii), no. clxxxv; *Delisle-Berger, no. 81*.

726. Rouen, Cath. and See (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey recognizes the rights of the dean and prebend of Angerville in the forest of Alihermont

[Galfridus][1] dux Normann(orum) comes Andegav(orum) archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis comitibus baronibus et omnibus justiciariis suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quod recognitum fuit coram me in curia mea per juramentum legitimorum militum, Willelmi scilicet de Evremodio, Rogerii de Briquegny, Bartholomei de Berengervilla, quod decanus Beate Marie Rothomagensis et canonicus ejusdem ecclesie de prebenda de Angervilla habuerunt tempore H(enrici) regis Anglie in foresta d'Alihermont omnes consuetudines suas liberas et quietas de vivo jacente et de mortuo stante et ligna ad herberg(agium) et virgas ad clausturam et pasnagium et herbagium et omnes alios redditus foreste et omnia placita et omnia cautalla foresfacta et omnes misericordias et quicquid pertinebat ad regem de hominibus eorum de Sancto Vedasto et de Angervilla, et quod non debent mitti in placitum de occasionibus foreste super hoc quod possent affidare. Testibus Gaufrido de Clees, Roberto de Curci. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *Blank in MS.*

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *G. 7, f. 349 (cartulary).
Printed: Valin, *Le Duc de Normandie et sa cour*, 266; Delisle–Berger, no. 39*.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke. Haskins attributes this charter to him rather than to Henry, because in the text Henry I is not described as *avi mei*.

727. Rouen, Cordwainers (March–Nov. 1137, at Rouen)

Confirming the cordwainers' guild

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl[orum] justiciariis suis Normann[orum] et vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et burgensibus et fidelibus suis Rothomagensibus salutem. Sciatis quia concessi Willelmo Carnuto et Osberto filio Hubardi et sociis cordebanariis et corvesariis Rothomagensibus ut habeant gildam suam ita bene et honorifice et plenarie de ministerio suo, sicut eam unquam[2] melius et plenarius habuerunt, et nullus faciat ministerium de corrobuco desicut[3] illam gildam habuerunt tempore Willelmi regis avi mei et tempore Henrici regis, et deinceps meo usque nunc. Testibus Willelmo Maledicto, et Ricardo de Hanetot. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *La Roque*, Guillelmus [2] *La Roque*, uniquique [3] *La Roque*, desit

MS.: Lost.
Printed: *G. A. de La Roque, *Histoire généalogique de la Maison de Harcourt* (4 vols., Paris 1662), iii. 149, from a *vidimus* of 1267 which also includes the charters of Henry I and Duke Henry, the latter in two separate versions.
Date: Stephen was in Normandy only during the period March–Nov. 1137. The text makes it clear that the charter is his.

728. Rouen, Cordwainers (late 1150–Sept. 1151, at Rouen)

Duke Henry confirms the cordwainers' guild

H(enricus) dux Normannorum[1] justiciis suis Normannie et vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et burgensibus et fidelibus suis Rothomagensibus salutem. Sciatis quod ego concessi Willelmo Canuto et Roberto de Gramestede et Oyno de Fiscano et Viviano de Sancto Audoeno et omnibus sociis suis corduanariis et corvisariis Rothomagensibus ut habeant gildam suam ita bene et honorifice et plenarie de ministerio suo sicut eam unquam melius et plenarius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici. Et nullus faciat ministerium eorum nisi per eos, neque aliqua eis fiat injuria, desicut illam gildam habuerunt tempore regis

[1] *La Roque's second version adds* et comes Andegavorum

Henrici. Testibus Roberto de Corceyo, et Roberto de Novoburgo. Apud Rothomagum.

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin, 9067, f. 155v; Paris, Arch. Nat. JJ. 102, no. 317 (*vidimus* of 1371); Rouen, Bibl. Mun., MS. 2192, f. 189.

Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. xvi*; *Ordonnances des Rois*, v. 416; A. Chéruel, *Rouen*, i, p. cxiv (transl.); La Roque, *Histoire gén. de la maison de Harcourt*, iii. 149 (two versions, both in a *vidimus* of 1267, the second one making Henry count of Anjou as well as duke).

Date: After Henry became duke and before his father's death, assuming that La Roque's second version is wrong.

Note: This follows the terms of Stephen's charter closely.

729. Rouen Town (1150–1, at Rouen)

Charter of liberties for the citizens of Rouen

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) Hugoni Rothomagen(si) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis et baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus baillivis et ministris et fidelibus suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis quod ego concessi civibus Rothomagi quod sicut unusquisque eorum tenebat in anno et die quo rex H(enricus) vivus fuit et mortuus, ita teneat. *Item* quod nullus eorum respondeat pro appellatione alicujus latronis recognoscentis vel aliquo crimine convicti vel deprehensi vel alicujus falsatoris. *Item* [quod] nullus eorum adversus aliquem placitet de aliquo placito extra Rothom(agum) nisi ante ducem Normannie ante quem ipsi placitabunt tantum ad Sanctam[1] Walburgim[2] et apud Oissel et non alibi extra Rothom(agum). *Item* quod nullus eorum custodiat prisonem vel in gaiola vel alibi, et id concessit eis r(ex) H(enricus). *Item* quod nullus eorum det pro modiatione nisi vinum, et si in die qua vinum venerit Rothomagum oblata fuerit ministris ducis modiatio, et ipsi eam recipere noluerint, usque in crastinum ad horam tertiam expectabuntur, et exinde ille[3] cujus vinum fuerit vendat illud ad velle suum sine forisfacto, salva ducis consuetudine. *Item* quod nullus eorum duellum faciat contra aliquem qui sit pugil conductitius per sacramentum x civium Roth(omagi), v intra civitatem et v de burgo; illi vero decem cives sint in electione justicie. *Item* ab illo die quo cives Roth(omagi) homines ducis G(alfridi) patris mei effecti sunt, nec de factis nec de dictis preteritis pro eis qui recesserunt a Rothomago et a[4] communione Rothomagi respondebunt. *Item* ab eadem die de firmis de debitis de placitis de occasionibus et omnibus querelis sint quieti. *Item* q(uod) nemo intra Rothomagum aliquem hospitetur ex precepto nisi per proprium marescalum civitatis. *Item* q(uod) terras et empticia sua et teneuras et vadimonia sua in pace teneant, et ego faciam eis reddi debita sua si fuerint in pace et justicia mea, et si aliquis post mortem regis H(enrici) dissaisitus fuerit, faciam eum resaisiri si fuerit in pace et justicia mea. *Item* quod reddam servientibus Roth(omagi) ministeria sua sicut habebant tempore regis Henrici. *Item* q(uod) nullus eorum in moneta vel vicecomitatu vel in aliquo ministerio ponatur nisi sponte sua. Item q(uod) nec tailliam faciam super eos, nec res eorum capiam nisi sua bona voluntate prestare voluerint michi. *Item* q(uod) omnes res et consuetudines que nocent civitati Rothom(agi) que post mortem regis H(enrici) sunt facte et attracte in civitate et extra pro consilio civium Roth(omagi) remanere faciam. *Item* q(uod) nullus eorum de terra sua intersignia a vicecom(ite) accipiat ad barrarium, sed ipsi barrario affidet quod consuetudinem non debet; si ei aliter non crediderit ei nullus det aliquid barrar(io) nisi sponte sua. *Item* quod de vino alicujus civium Roth(omagi), quod ad servitium ducis accipietur, quartus denarius non cadat. *Item* quod nullus eorum det aliquam consuetudinem de vino vel de alio quod de foris ad urbem veniat, quod fecerit affidare esse de presentatione. *Item* nulla navis de tota Normannia debet eschippare ad Hiberniam nisi de Rothomago, excepta una sola cui licet eschippare de Cesariburgo semel in anno, et quecunque navis de Hibernia venerit ex quo caput de Gernes transierat, Rothomagum veniat unde ego habeam de unaquaque navi i tymbr(ium) de marturis aut x libras Rothom(agi) si ejusdem navis mercatores jurare pot(u)erint se ideo non mercatos fuisse illas martur(as) ut auferrent consuetudinem ducis Normannie. Et vicecomes Roth(omagi) de unaquaque habeat xx solidos Roth(omagi) et camerarius[5] unam accipitrem aut

[1] MS. curiam
[2] MS. Walburgum
[3] *Chéruel and Delisle add* civis
[4] *Delisle* de
[5] *Chéruel and Delisle add* Tancarvillae

xvi solidos Roth(omagi). *Item* nullus extraneus emat merces illarum navium nec aliarum que venerint de ultra mare nisi per manus hominum Roth(omagi). Si quis autem hoc fecerit, medietas mercimonii erit mea et alia medietas hominum Roth(omagi) pro forisfacto. *Item* consuetudines Deppe sint similes consuetudinibus Rothomagi in teloneo. *Item* homines Roth(omagi) qui de ghilda sunt mercatorum de omni consuetudine sint quieti apud London(iam) nisi de vino et crasso pisce. *Item* liceat eis ire cum mercibus suis per omnes nundinas Anglie salvis legalibus consuetudinibus regis. *Item* cives Roth(omagi) habeant apud London(iam) portum de Dauegate sicut habuerant a tempore Edwardi regis, tali consuetudine quod si in portu illo aliquam navem invenerint, undecumque sit, precipiant eam auferri inde et expectabunt unum fluctum et unam ebbam, et si navis inde ablata non fuerit, cives Roth(omagi) cordas navis illius rescindent si voluerint, et eam sine clamore et forisfacto inde depellent. Et si navis illa periclitabitur ex illa depulsione, nemini inde respondebunt. *Item* nullus civium Rothomagi dabit consuetudinem de parmenteria ad feriam vel ad forum eundo vel redeundo citra Sequanam. *Item* debita et conventiones que facta fuerint Roth(omagi) ibi reddantur, vel si negate fuerint ibi respondeatur. *Item* nullus mercator transeat Roth(omagum) cum mercat(ur)a sua per viam Sequane vel sursum vel deorsum nisi civis Rothomagen(sis) fuerit. *Item* nullus extraneus potest decartare apud Rothomagum [vinum] in celario. *Omnes autem* predictas concessiones[1] affiduciavit G(alfridus) dux Normannorum pater meus se tenere, et pepigit quod faceret affiduciare uxorem suam, matrem meam, et filios suos loco competenti tempore opportuno congrue summonitionis. Ego ipse has affiduciavi tenendas, et si forte contingeret quod in aliquo a predictis concessionibus deviarem, infra xl^{mam} diem qua a predictis civibus summonebor, emendabo absque conventionis infractione. Has etiam concessiones tenendas ceperunt in manu Philippus Baiocensis episcopus, et Arnulphus Lexoviensis episcopus, et eas affiduciaverunt tenendas Wal[eranus][2] comes Mellenti, Helias frater ducis, Will(elm)us Lupell(us),[3] Richerius de Aquila, Willelmus de Vern(one), Rogerus de Toneio, Baudricus de Bosco, Amalricus Crespin, Gisl(ebertus) Crespin, Gochel(us) Crespin, Henr(icus) de Ferr(ariis), Robertus de Corceio, Ricardus de Haya, Engeng(er) de Bohun, Alexander Bohun, Guido de Sabl(eio), Absalon Rongnart, Goff(redus) de Cleris, Hugo de Monteforti. Testibus Hugone archiepiscopo [Rothomagensi], Reg(inaldo) de Sancto Waller(ico), Pagan(o) de Claravall(e), Enguerrann(o) de Sayo. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *Delisle* consuetudines [2] *MS.* Walterus [3] *Delisle adds* Robertus de Novoburgo

MSS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., Archives de la ville, *Tiroir 9, no. 1 (*inspeximus* of Henry VI, 1445), and Registre S. 3, f. 168.

Printed: La Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1295 and 1581 (imperfect); Chéruel, *Histoire de Rouen pendant l'époque communale*, i. 241–5; Delisle–Berger, no. 14*; *C.D.F.*, no. 109 (abstract).

Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy and before he was Count of Anjou. But the sureties were evidently the sureties not of this charter but of Duke Geoffrey's (lost) treaty with the men of Rouen, since *Helias frater ducis* was the brother of Duke Geoffrey and consequently the uncle of Duke Henry.

730. Rouen, Hospital of the Mont-aux-Malades (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey confirms Henry I's gift of 40s. a month

G(aufridus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) vicec(omiti) Roth(omagi) salutem. Precipio quod tradatis leprosis Roth(omagi) xl solidos Roth(omagensium) singulis mensibus sicut rex H(enricus) eis dedit et carta [ejus te]statur.[1] T(este) Rob(erto) de Novoburgo. Apud Roth(omagum).

[1] ejus te *worn away in MS.*; *supplied from* vidimus

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat. *K. 23, no. 15[22] (original, 6″ × 2¾″, written in an unidentified court hand, with stub of tongue; tongue and seal missing). Also (same ref.) a *vidimus* of 1437; and in S. 4889 a seventeenth-century transcript on paper.

Printed: Haskins, 142 (no. 12) and pl. 7*a* (facs.); P. Langlois, *Histoire du Prieuré du Mont-aux-Malades-lès-Rouen* (Rouen, 1851), 397.

Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

731. Rouen, Priory of Notre Dame du Pré (la Bonne Nouvelle) (1150–1, at Rouen)

Grant by Duke Henry of a masura *in Rouen*

H(enricus) dux Normannor(um) *archiepiscopo Rothomag(ensi) et vic(ecomiti)* et *omnibus fidelibus suis* de *Rothom(ago) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Prato Roth(omagi) et monachis in perpetuam elemosinam illam masur*a(m) qua(m) Alb(er)eda Wimplaria et Steph(an)us filius ej(us) *tenent de me in Roth(omago) cum censu quem* predicta masura reddit, iii scilicet solidos. *Volo* itaque *et precipio quod terra illa pro anima patris et matris mee et pro salute mea amodo* et *usque in sempiternum deo et Sancte Marie de Prato quieta remancat de omni servitio et consuetudine* in terra et in aqua *excepta modiatione mea.* T(estibus) Will(el)mo canc(ellario), et Hugone de Dovra, et Will(el)mo Trentegeruns t(un)c te(m)poris vic(ecomite) de Roth(omago). Ap(ud) Roth(omagum).

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., * 20 H non classé, carton 5 (pretended original, 7½″ × 2¼″, written in an unidentified hand, with fold and slit for tag, but tag and seal missing).
Printed: Delisle-Berger, no. 15*.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Normandy but before he was Count of Anjou.
Note: This writ is of doubtful authenticity because of (*a*) its external appearance and (*b*) the description of Wm. Trentegeruns as *tunc* temporis sheriff. The text follows closely a charter of Henry I (*Regesta*, ii, no. 1964 (=cccxv)) from which the passages in italics are derived.

732. Rouen, Abbey of S. Amand (1144–50, at Lisieux)

Duke Geoffrey gives orders for S. Amand to have its tithe of the forests of Eu and Alihermont

G(aufridus) dux Normann(orum) et comes And(egavorum) R(eginaldo) de Sancto Walerico et ministris suis de Archis salutem. Precipio quod habere faciatis S(ancto) Amando decimam suam de forestis de Auci[1] et de Alihermont in denariis frumento et avena sicut eam melius habuit tempore Henrici regis, quia nolo ut elemosina mea minuatur. Teste Thoma cancellario. Apud Lux(ovium).

[1] *MS.* Awi

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 17031, p. 137 (transcript by Gaignières).
Printed: *Haskins, 140.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.

733. Rouen, Abbey of S. Ouen (1140–54, at Westminster)

Quitclaim of pleas of assart in Essex

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et forestar(iis) et omnibus ministris suis de Essex salutem. Clamo quietam terram et homines monachorum de Sancto Audoeno Rotomag(ensi) de omnibus placitis et querelis essartorum. Et precipio quod inde pacem habeant sicut rex Henricus avunculus meus precepit[1] per cartam suam. T(este) Rob(er)to de Gaunt canc(ellario). Apud Westm(onasterium).

[1] *MS.* precipit

MS.: P.R.O. *E/32/16, m. 6d (no. 11).
Date: While Robert de Gant was chancellor.

734. Rouen, Abbey of S. Ouen (1144–50)

Notice of Duke Geoffrey's confirmation of the gift by Earl Walter Giffard of one hawk a year

Gaufredus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum confirmat donationem c(omitis) Walterii Giffardi. Testibus Roberto de Novoburgo, Widone Sabluel.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 5423, f. 232ᵛ.
Printed: *Haskins, 134.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke. The charter of Earl Walter Giffard survives at Rouen in the Archives du Seine-Mar., 14 H 917, liasse 3. It concerns the gift of *unum accipitrem quem singulis annis ab ipsa ecclesia consuetudinarie habui*, and was given at Longueville in the time of Abbot Fraternus (1142–57).

735. Rouen, Abbey of S. Ouen (Easter 1147–Easter 1148)

Henry son of the Duke of Normandy confirms the monks' customs in ports, lands, and manors

Henricus ducis Normannorum et comitis Andegav(orum) filius Hugoni archiepiscopo et episcopis omnibus baronibus suis et ministris et baillivis et prepositis suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse abbati Sancti Audoeni omnes consuetudines suas in portubus et in terris et in omnibus maneriis libere et quiete sicut ecclesia Sancti Audoeni unquam melius et liberius tenuit tempore Henrici regis Anglorum avi mei. Testes Ricardus cancellarius, Robertus de Novoburgo, Willelmus de Vernone, Robertus de Corci, Warinus filius Geroldi, Osbertus de Calleio, Engerannus de Vachivillis, Robertus filius Hamonis. Carta data anno ab incarnatione domini MCXLVII in Pascha precedenti.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 12777, p. 125.
Printed: *Neustria Pia* (1563), p. 15 (from the 'little cartulary', f. 12, carta 25); *Delisle-Berger, no. 5*.

736. Rufford Abbey (Christmas 1146, at Lincoln)

Confirmation of Gilbert de Gant's grant of Rufford to the monks of Rievaulx

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia, pro anima regis H(enrici) avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee et Matilde regine uxoris mee et Eust(achii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum, concedo et confirmo illam donationem [quam] Gileb(er)tus de Ga(n)t fecit deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Rievall(ensis) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de manerio de Ruf(ford). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod teneant manerium illud cum omnibus ei adjacentibus in bosco et plano et pratis et aquis libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus sicut Gileb(ertus) de Ga(n)t illud eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Rob(erto) canc(ellario), et Com(ite) Sim(one), et Com(ite) Will(elmo) de Arund(el). Apud Linc(olniam).

MSS.: *Rufford Cartulary, the property of Lord Savile, but now B.M. MS. Loans 41, f. 1, Harley MS. 1063, f. 1 (from the cartulary).
Date: Rufford was founded 13 July 1146, and Gilbert de Gant was created Earl of Lincoln in 1149. (In his own charter, here referred to, he does not style himself as earl either—cartulary ff. 1v–2.) Stephen was at Lincoln at Christmas 1146, and Eustace was Count of Boulogne from 1147.

737. Rufford Abbey (1146–53, at Lincoln)

The monks and their goods to be quit of toll in Nottingham

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Notingh(am) et de Notingehamscire salutem. Precipio quod monachi de Ruhford[1] et omnes res sue sint quieti de theoloneo et omni alia consuetudine in Notingh(am) quas poterunt facere affidare suas esse proprias. Quare prohibeo ne super hoc aliquis ab eis inde quicquam requirat nec contumeliam faciat. T(estibus) Com(ite) Sim(one), et Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Linc(olniam).

[1] *Cartulary* Ruf'

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. II, m. 11; B.M. MS. Loans, 41, f. 1; Harley MS. 1063, f, 1 (from cartulary).
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 294.
Date: After the foundation of the abbey (13 July 1146).

738. Rufford Abbey (1146–9, at York)

Confirmation of Gilbert de Gant's gift of land in Wellow (Notts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Notingh(am)scira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse abbati de Ruhford[1] et monachis ibidem deo servientibus donationem illam quam Gisl(ebertus)[2] de Gant eis fecit de terra de Cratla.[3] Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predictus abbas et monachi terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant cum omnibus liber-

[1] *Cart.* Ruf' [2] *Cart.* Gileb(ertus) [3] *Cart.* C(ra)tela

tatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut Gil(bertus) de Gant illam eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. T(estibus) canc(ellario) Rob(erto), et com(ite) Sim(one), et Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Ebor(acum).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 9 Ed. II, m. 11; B.M. MS. Loans 41, f. 1; Harley MS. 1063, f. 1 (from cartulary).
Printed: *Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii. 293.
Date: Rufford was founded 13 July 1146. Gilbert de Gant was created Earl of Lincoln in 1149.

739. Rufford Abbey (Summer 1154, at Worksop)

Confirmation of grants made by various feudatories

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Ruhford et monachis in ea deo servientibus donationes illas quas eis fecerunt in elemosinam Hugo de Musca(m)p et Adam Tison et Will(elmu)s filius ejus et Gaufr(idus) de Stanton(a) et Malgeri(us) Rollestona et Gisleb(er)tus de Chealum et Rad(ulfus) Silvan(us) de terris feodorum suorum in bosco et plano et in pratis et pascuis. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi terras illas et teneuras bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam solutas et quietas de omni seculari exactione et servitio, sicut predicti largitores eas illis dederunt et concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. T(estibus) H(ugone) ep(iscop)o Dunelm(ensi), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Will(elmo) Pevr(el), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Werchesop(am).

MSS.: Notts. Co. Rec. Office, *Savile Collection, D.D.S.R. 102/132 (original, $7\frac{9}{10}'' \times 4\frac{3}{5}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii, with the stub of a tongue but no seal). Copies in B.M. MS. Loans 41, f. 1, Harley MS. 1063, f. 1.
Date: While Hugh de Puiset was bishop of Durham and Stephen was in the North.

740. St. Albans Abbey (allegedly 1139–54, at London)

Pretended charter of liberties, royal and episcopal

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum omnibus episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ceterisque ministris suis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Notum sit vobis cunctisque fidelibus me concessisse ecclesie Sancti Albani et abbati et monachis imperpetuum has consuetudines et dignitates cum omnibus terris suis; ut videlicet ecclesia Sancti Albani omnisque possessio nunc et futuris temporibus illi subdita semper sit libera et quieta ab omni tributo et necessitate, sive regis sive episcopi comitis vicecomitis ducis vel judicis et exactoris, et omnibus operibus que indici solent, sive emendatione pontium, parcorum, castellorum, sive fossato adversus inimicos faciendo. Decernimus ergo ut nulli hominum facultas sit predictum Sancti Martiris Albani monasterium temere perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, vel temerariis vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum sustentatione et gubernatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura. Ad hec adicientes volumus ut omnes terre et loca Sancti Martiris Albani habeant sacham et socham, on stronde et on streme, on wode et on felde, tol et team, et grithbrice, hamsoche, et forstel, infangentheof et flemeneferde infra civitatem et burgum et extra, et infra aquam et extra, et infra viam et extra, et infra boscum et extra, infra forestum et extra, ubicumque fuerit possessio Sancti Albani. Precipio etiam, et communi fidelium meorum assensu confirmo, ut episcopi vel eorum ministri nullam aliquatenus super ipsam ecclesiam vel super parochiales ecclesias eidem quibuscumque temporibus subjacentes, nisi tantummodo cum advocati fuerint dedicandi, vel in Paschali solempnitate chrismam vel sanctum oleum ex more tribuendi potestatem habeant, nec earum presbiteros ad synodum vel capitulum convocare vel ab officio divino suspendere seu aliquod in eos vel minimum jus exercere presumant; sed omnia quecumque ecclesie Sancti Albani fuerint abbatis solummodo ejusdem monasterii potestate tractandi libere subjaceant. Concessi etiam deo et ecclesie Sancti Albani has consuetudines et dignitates pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum parentum meorum. Et volo ut teneant sicut unquam melius et honorificentius tenuerunt tempore Henrici regis avunculi mei et aliorum regum predecessorum meorum. Et prohibeo super forisfacturam meam ne aliquis eas infringere presumat. Testibus

Matild(e) regina, et Will(elmo)[1] comite, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Willelmo Martell, et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lund(oniam).

[1] *Chatsworth* Gilberto

MSS.: Belvoir Castle, *MS. 105 (Belvoir Cartulary), f. 6v; Chatsworth House, MS. 73 A.

Date: Supposedly after 1139 because of William of Ypres, but obviously a forgery relating to the abbey's dispute with the Bishops of Lincoln and Norwich over ordinations to its appropriated churches in 1219 (*Gesta Abbatum Mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), i. 275–9).

741. St. Albans Abbey (1135–54, at St. Albans)

Freedom from toll etc.

Stephan(us) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes homines Sancti Albani sint quieti de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine ubicumque vendant vel emant vel conducant aliquid ad opus monachorum Sancti Albani sicut inde quietiores fuerunt tempore regis Henrici. Et [nullus][1] super hoc faciat eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam nec in aliquo disturbet super forisfacturam meam. T(este) R(oberto) de Ver. Apud Sanctum Albanu(m).

[1] *MS.* nec in aliis

MSS.: Belvoir Castle, *Add. MS. 105, f. 2v; Chatsworth House MS. 73 A.

742. St. Albans Abbey (1136–54, at St. Albans)

Grant of carucage

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus ministris suis de Hertfordschira salutem. Precipio vobis quod bene et plenarie faciatis habere monachis Sancti Albani iii obulos de carrugagio de tota Hertfordschira, sicut habere solebant tempore Henrici regis et aliorum regum Anglie antecessorum meorum: scilicet de unaquaque carucata i obulum in die Veneris Rogationum et i denarium in festo Sancti Albani. Et si aliquis super hoc eos inde injuriam fecerit, faciatis eis inde plenam justiciam, sicut fieri solebat tempore Henrici regis vel aliorum regum predecessorum meorum; ne amplius clamorem inde audiam pro penuria pleni recti vel justicie. T(estibus) Ricardo de Canvill(a), et Fulcone de Oilli. Apud Sanctum Albanum.

MS.: Chatsworth House *MS. 73 A (St. Albans cartulary).

This carucage, being at 1½*d.* a carucate, is not a geld but something like the 'hidage' found in St. Edmund's liberty.

743. St. Albans Abbey (1139–52, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the gift in frankalmoign by Nigel d'Aubigny of the manor of Eastwell? (Kent)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Cantuar(iensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Chent salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Albani et monachis in ea deo servientibus donationem illam quam Nig(ellus) de Albineo eis fecit in elemosinam, pro salute anime sue, de manerio de Estwala. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia prefata et monachi teneant manerium illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice, in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et omnibus locis, et cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et quietanciis et liberis consuetudinibus que ad illud pertinent cum quibus prefatus Nigellus vel aliquis ante eum unquam melius vel liberius tenuit, et sicut ipse illud eis dedit et concessit in elemosinam, et sicut rex Henricus illud eis concessit et per cartam suam confirmavit. Testibus Matilde regina, et Rob(erto) de Ver, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Adam de Beln(aco). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Mrs Ina Hammond (d. 1967), 'The Ledge', Cannongate Rd., Hythe, Kent (*pretended original, 10⅕″ × 2 $\frac{9}{16}$″, written in a non-chancery hand, with a large portion of Stephen's second seal in red wax on a tag which passes through slits in the (double) fold of the charter, and whose ends have been folded back so as to be enclosed in the seal).

Printed: Dr. Gordon Ward, in *Antiquaries' Journal*, xvi (1936), 324.

Date: Not before 1139 because of William of Ypres nor later than the death of the queen (3 May 1152).

744. St. Albans Abbey (*c.* 1150–4, at Reading)

Confirmation of the gift made by Hamo son of Mainfenin Brito

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justiciariis et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Buchingh(am)scire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Hamo filius Mainfenin Brit(onis) fecit ecclesie Sancti Albani et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de una virgata terre et dimidia in Chalfhunta et de uno assarto in eadem villa pro anima patris sui. Quare volo et precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant liberam et solutam omni exactione sicut predictus Hamo eam illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Test(ibus) Rob(erto) de V(er), et Henrico de Essex(a), et Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Rading(as).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Julius D. iii, f. 81v.

Date: Archbishop Theobald confirmed the gift as legate and primate (Saltman, no. 230), i.e. not earlier than 1150. Hamo's own charter on f. 80v is not very helpful, the only witness who might be useful being Ricardus de Montagut *dapifer* of the abbey. It was confirmed by Robert Bishop of Lincoln (f. 82v) (19 Dec. 1148–1166).

745. St. Albans Abbey (1151–3, at Dunstable)

Grant of the church of Luton (Beds.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(iis) et comit(ibus) et baron(ibus) et vicecomit(ibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse ecclesie Sancti Albani et monachis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de Luytona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Albani et monachi illam ecclesiam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant cum capellis et terris et decimis et libertatibus et omnibus rebus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus. T(estibus) Comite Simon(e), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Dunstapl(um).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Otho D. iii, f. 118v.

Date: The long narrative about the church of Luton in the *Gesta Abbatum Mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), i. 113–18, shows that St. Albans made no attempt to acquire the church of Luton until that town, previously held by Earl Gilbert, was forfeited to the king (i. 115): this would have been in 1146/7. It was Abbot Robert (18 June 1151–Oct. 1166) who first disclosed to Gilbert de Cimmay 'desiderium suum de ecclesia de Luiton adquirenda' (i. 116). Earl Simon died in Aug. 1153. Note: (i. 117–18) 'abbas . . . confirmationem de eadem ecclesia [Luytone] et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, per Baldericum de Sigillo obtinuit'.

746. St. Albans Abbey (Dec. 1153–Oct. 1154)

Confirmation of the gift of William Earl of Gloucester

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Lincol(niensi) et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecomit(i) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Bedefordscire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Willelmus comes Gloucestrie fecit ecclesie Sancti Albani et monachis in ea deo famulantibus de ecclesia de Luyton(a) et de ecclesia de Houghton et de decimis et terris que ad eas pertinent, et de terra illa quam Willelmus camerarius tenuit in socca de Linton(a) [et] in villa de Houghton(a) et in Hertewella et in Badelsdona et in Potesg(ra)va. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Albani predictas ecclesias bene [et in pace] et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam de omni seculari exactione et servitio.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Otho D. iii, f. 116 (damaged by fire but legible under ultra-violet ray).

Date: Presumably after the treaty of Westminster. The earl's own charter is in the same cartulary, f. 115v. It was confirmed by Archbishop Theobald as legate and primate (Saltman, no. 229) which indicates a date in the 1150's. The *Gesta Abbatum Mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), i. 116 says that it was Abbot Robert (18 June 1151–Oct. 1166) who got the grant of the church of Luton from William Earl of Gloucester.

747. Abbey of S. André-en-Gouffern (1144–50, at Argentan)

Freedom from toll etc. for the goods of the monks of Vignats

G(alfridus) dux Norm(annorum) comes And(egavorum) baronibus et omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris totius Anglie et Normannie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corrodium et omnes res monachorum de abbatia de Vinaz quas servientes eorum affidare poterint pertinere suo dominico victui et vestitui sint in pace et quiete de theloneo et passagio et omnibus consuetudinibus sicut mee res proprie. Et super hoc prohibeo quod nullus eos disturbet injuste super x libras forisfacture. Testibus comite de Pontevio, et Alexandro de Bohun, et Roberto de Noburg(o) (*sic*). Apud Argentomum.

MS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, H. 6510, f. 22v (cartulary of S. André-en-Gouffern).
Printed: *Haskins, 142.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke.
Cf. the similar writ of Henry I, *Regesta*, ii. 1941.

748. Abbey of S. André-en-Gouffern (1151–3, at Rouen)

Grant of 46s. 6d. a year, formerly due to the sheriff of Argentan from La Graverie

M(atildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia archiepiscopo episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Arg(e)nt(omi) et totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et monachis Sancti Andree de Goffer(ia) juxta Falesia(m) pro anima patris mei Henr(ici) regis et pro anima domini mei Gaufr(idi) comitis Andeg(avie) et pro salute mea et filii mei Henr(ici) ducis Norm(annie) et aliorum liberorum meorum xlvi solidos et vi denarios Romesinor(um) quos annuatim reddere (con)sueverant vic(ecomiti) de Arg(e)nt(omo) de Gravaria de Monte Guarulfi de sua propria terra quam ibi habent. Precipio igitur quod prefatos nummos deinceps quietos usibus suis habeant, et ne amplius ab eis exigantur nec ulterius inde ab aliquo inquietentur. Test(ibus) Hub(er)to de Vall(ibus), Will(elmo) de Heliun, H(er)b(er)to cl(e)r(i)co, Hug(one) medico, Rog(er)o capellan(o). Ap(ud) Rotho-m(agum).

MSS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *H. 6518 (pretended original, $6\frac{7}{8}'' \times 6\frac{7}{8}''$, written in an unidentified hand, with fold and portion of seal in red wax on green silk cords). Copy in H. 6510, f. 19 (cartulary). Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 10074, pp. 2, 35 (transcripts by Léchaudé).
Printed: Léchaudé d'Anisy, *Extraits des Chartes . . . qui se trouvent dans les archives du Calvados*, i. 408, and *C.D.F.*, no. 593 (abstract).
Date: Apparently after death of Duke Geoffrey and before Henry became Duke of Aquitaine. But as it stands the 'original' can hardly be authentic, if only because of the amount of parchment wasted, less than two-thirds of it being covered with writing.

749. Priory of Ste Barbe-en-Auge (1137, at Pontaudemer)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus filiis et fidelibus sanctae æcclesiae per Angliam et Normanniam constitutae salutem. Notum sit omnibus vobis quod concedo et confirmo auctoritate hujus presentis privilegii mei, ea omnia quae Odo Stigandus et homines sui dederunt æcclesiae Sancti Martini et Sanctae Barbarae de Escageolet sicut in hoc et Guillelmi regis avi mei et Henrici regis avunculi mei privilegiis continentur, precibus venerabilis viri Hugonis Rothomagensis archiepiscopi et Teobaldi comitis Blesensis dilectissimi fratris mei, et requisitione Rabelli de Tancardivilla camerarii mei, ipsius æcclesiae piissimi patroni, collaudatione quoque omnium tam clericorum quam laicorum in hac carta subscriptorum; videlicet terras et prata quae predictus Odo Stigandus dedit eidem æcclesiae apud Mansionem Odonis; decimam quoque ipsius villae et totius sui dominii quod est apud Mansionem Odonis in terris vineis molendinis virgultis vitulis agnis caseis velleribus porcis et piscibus; et inter Mansionem Odonis et Escageolet piscinae locum; et Guillelmus de Mirebel et Osmundus Boenot de Salcantia dederunt eidem æcclesiae prece Odonis prefati decimas suas de Mirebel et de Salcantia quarum duas partes prius in

suo dominio retinebant; dedit quoque idem Odo terram quam habebat apud villam quae vocatur Sancta Maria Calida cum parte media æcclesiae et decimae ipsius villae sicut libere in suo dominio habebat; Serlo quoque de Mansione Malgerii dedit eidem æcclesiae precibus Odonis terram quam habebat in dominio suo apud Brolium de alodio suo; et idem Odo dedit ad luminare ejusdem æcclesiae decimam thelonei de Mansione Odonis et terram Safredi wambesarii de qua iii solidos annuatim habuerat, et terram Anschetilli Baconis pro qua debet æcclesiam in festivitatibus parare et duas libras incensi reddere, unam ad Natale et alteram ad Pascha; item in pago Constantiensi apud Seoldivillam terram cum decima unius molendini et decimam villanorum ejusdem villae quam tenebat in suo dominio; oblationes quoque capellae suae canonicis predictae æcclesiae concessit; homines autem eorum ab omni seculari exactione liberos et quietos ab opere exclusae molendini esse concessit, moltam et theloneum solummodo retinens. Haec itaque omnia servitio dei et usibus canonicorum distribuens tam libere et honorifice habenda et tenenda sicut ipse honorem suum a duce Normannorum domino suo liberius habebat, inperpetuum canonicis concessit. Haec omnia rege Guillelmo avunculo meo regnante et concedente acta sunt.

Postea vero tempore Henrici regis Anglorum et ducis Normannorum, anno regni ipsius XX^mo^ VIII^vo^, ab incarnatione vero domini M^mo^C^mo^XX^mo^ VIII^vo^ Guillelmus camerarius nepos predicti Odonis Stigandi et Rabellus filius ejusdem Guillelmi divinitus inspirati cum canonicis prefatae æcclesiae consilio et auxilio Johannis Luxoviensis episcopi sermonem fecerunt ipsam æcclesiam et omnes res ejus in commune redigere ad hoc ut ibidem communiter et regulariter viventes inperpetuum canonici secundum institutionem beati Augustini haberentur. Sicque dei nutu regis assensu et ipsius episcopi confirmatione factum est ut ipse episcopus canonicos in prefatam introduceret æcclesiam, tradens manu sua omnem potestatem et curam tam fratrum quam possessionum priori ipsorum absolutam et liberam, salvo sibi omni jure episcopali. Rabellus itaque concedens et confirmans omnia supradicta quae antecessores ejus fecerant, pro anima ipsius regis et antecessorum ejus, pro anima patris sui et sua, et Agnetis uxoris suae et antecessorum suorum haec superaddidit in elemosynam, scilicet: totam terram quam habebat in suo dominio apud Mansionem Odonis ultra Divam ex parte ejusdem æcclesiae, et prata sua desub castello, et lundam propinquam et moltam ipsorum et omnium hominum suorum quietam, et locum in Diva ad faciendum molendinum, et placita omnium hominum suorum in curia æcclesiae, ita quod si homines ipsius Rabelli clamorem fecerint de hominibus æcclesiae canonici eis rectum facient in sua curia. Si autem homines æcclesiae clamorem fecerint de hominibus ipsius Rabelli de potestate Mansi Odonis, ipse faciet teneri curiam suam in curia æcclesiae sicut in sua. Dedit quoque eis redecimam totius vini sui ad cellarium suum, preter primam decimam quae solito more datur ad torcl(er)aria; decimam quoque totius corredii sui apud iiii^or^ maneria, scilicet apud Mesnil Gerold, et Mansum Odonis, et Oistreham, et Tornum, et decimam totius dominii sui de Cadomo exceptis iiii solidis quos monachi Sancti Georgii habent in molendino. Dedit etiam unum bordarium apud Oistreham, scilicet Hugonem de Gardino cum terra sua. Preter hoc confirmavit eis terram quam Lesza uxor Roberti de Abetot moriens æcclesiae dederat in manso Odonis quam ipse Robertus concedens super altare obtulerat. Apud Sanctam Mariam Calidam unam terrae acram de qua Ascelinus de monasterio reddebat per annum i minam frumenti, et campum de vinea. Et in Anglia in soca de Graha(m) x libratas, et in valle Gloecestrae x libratas, scilicet manerium Essetona, ita quod heae (*sic*) xx libratae quietae sint ab omnibus consuetudinibus et placitis et operationibus. Haec omnia rex Henricus concessit.

Postea vero, anno II° regni mei, incarnationis vero dominicae M^mo^C^mo^XXX^mo^ VII^mo^ haec omnia superscripta concessi et omnia subscripta quae Rabellus ante eis et alii fideles dederant, confirmavi, scilicet: totum manerium Mesnil Gerold excepta Buxeria, et totum nemus de Sancta Maria Calida cum terra pertinente ad ipsum nemus, et vivarium de Manso Odonis; in Anglia totum manerium de Becheford in bosco et in plano cum omnibus ei pertinentibus sicut Rabellus illud in dominio suo habebat. Concessit quoque eis Rabellus quicquid eidem æcclesiae a quocumque suorum hominum datum est, vel quandoque dabitur, salvo tamen sibi jure suo nisi illud ultro dederit canonicis, scilicet: terram quam Ricardus Freschet dedit cum tota mansura ejus; et iii solidatas per annum de firma cujusdam prati quas

Alexander de Botemunt dedit eidem æcclesiae; et apud Rovres dedit idem Alexander eidem æcclesiae decimam carrucae suae dominicae, et per annum i sext(er) bladi in molendino suo; et dimidiam acram terrae de dono Mariae filiae Herberti Freschet; et unam virgatam terrae apud P(er)ci de dono Riculfi de P(er)ci; et licentiam et quietationem piscandi in aqua et fugandi in warenna Rabelli propter infirmos et hospites cum opus fuerit; et quietationem omnium porcorum eorum in pastione sicut suorum propriorum ubicumque ipse habuerit; et terram quam Math(aeu)s Buscardus eidem æcclesiae vendidit et concessit, quae est apud Sanctam Mariam Calidam; et decimam de vicecomitatu de Lesvin et Algia quae sunt de capellaria mea quas Gislebertus de Ebroicis et Robertus filius ejus capellani regis Henrici et mei dederunt et concesserunt eidem æcclesiae; in Caleto apud Sanctum Romanum capellam Sancti Michaelis ex dono Rabelli et concessu Hugonis archiepiscopi Rothom(agensis); super Mansionem Odonis partem terrae de maresco super Divam ad firmandam exclusam molendini sicut conclusa est fossato, sicut eam dederunt Adam de Magneio et Guillelmus de Brolio et Adam de Quatuor Maris et alii dominatus Brolii; infra Mansionem Odonis unam virgatam terrae quam Anfrida dea (*sic*) dedit eidem æcclesiae super Divam juxta culturas canonicorum; et i virgatam vineae in monte de Canun quam Buscardus filius Fulconis dedit eidem æcclesiae; et iiii virgatas vineae in monte Boterel quam Reinoldus Cheoket moriens dedit eidem æcclesiae; et ii acras terrae et dimidiam desuper Londam de feodo Roberti Lovel per xviii denarios per annum pro omni servitio; et infra Londam dimidiam acram terrae de burgagio de Mansione Odonis quod totum, et vineam et terram, mater ipsius Reinoldi concessit et posuit super altare de cujus hereditate erat; super Divam ad Potlambert dimidiam acram terrae quam Guillelmus filius Hugonis Lovel dedit eidem æcclesiae. [*Change of handwriting.*] Hec vero omnia predicte ecclesie inperpetuum obtinenda regia auctoritate confirmo et a deo mihi collata potestate corroboro, sicut partim in carta regis Henrici et in carta Rabelli et regis Willelmi avi mei confirmatum est, et sicut prefati ipsius ecclesie benefactores dederunt vel alii fideles in futuro dederint. T(estibus) R(ogero) canc(ellario), et R(ogero) comite Gloec(estrie), et G(alerano) comite de Metll(ento), et Guh(er)o de Alneto, et Willelmo de Alb(ini) pincerna, et Hugone Bigoto, et Roberto Maleto, et Roberto de Curci, et Ricardo filio Ursi, et Willelmo Maled(octo), et Johanne Mariscalco. Apud Pontem Aldomari.

MSS.: Caen, Archives du Calvados, *2 D. 12 (original *pancarte*, 18¼″ × 17¾″, mostly in an unidentified hand, but with the last 3½ lines in the hand of *scriptor* xiii (T.A.M.B., no. 52), with fold and tag but no seal). Copy (by Léchaudé) in Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 10074, f. 86. We have printed æ for ę throughout.

Printed: Extracts in Haskins, 108; Delisle-Berger, *Introduction*, 118; Léchaudé d'Anisy, *Extraits des Chartes . . . Calvados*, ii. 93; *C.D.F.*, no. 570 (cal.).

750. Abbey of S. Bertin (Sept. 1152–Aug. 1153, at London)

Confirmation of the grant of Throwley church (Kent) by William of Ypres

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et just[icie] et vic[ecomiti][1] et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Chent salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Willelmus de Ipra fecit ecclesie Sancti Bertini et monachis in ea deo servientibus de ecclesia de Trullega et de pertinentiis ejus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi Sancti Bertini ecclesiam illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice habeant et possideant cum terris et decimis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis ejus, sicut Willelmus de Ipra eam illis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Ricardo episcopo Londiniensi, et Roberto episcopo Linco(l)niensi, et com(ite) Sim(one), et W(illemo) Mart(el). Apud Londinum.

[1] *MS.* justiciariis et vicariis

MS.: S. Omer, Bibl. Mun., *MS. 803(1), p. 289 (Cartulary of S. Bertin, compiled 1775–6.)

Printed: Haignère, *Cartulaire de S. Bertin* (Soc. des Antiq. de la Morinie, i. 289); *Arch. Cantiana*, iv. 206 (abstract); Round, *C.D.F.*, no. 1331 (abstract).

Date: After the consecration of Richard Bishop of London and before the death of Earl Simon.

The original still survived in 1775–6 when the cartulary was compiled. 'Cet original a 3 pouces et demi d'hauteur sur 6 pouces de largeur', and a drawing is given of Stephen's second seal.

751. S. Denis, Suger, Abbot of (1144–13 Jan. 1151)

Letter to Abbot Suger expressing gratitude and promises to defend the land of S. Denis, and to recover that overrun by his enemies

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] Sugerio abbati Sancti Dionysii dilecto amico suo salutem. Multos vobis grates reddo, quod assiduam et indesinentem dilectionem mihi exhibetis, et ad omnia agenda mea que apud regem Francorum experiri vellem semper presto et intercessor esse curastis, sicut ab eis accepi qui inde ad me redierunt. Et sciatis quod multum vobis sum obnoxius et libentissime vobis et vestris benignitatem quam mihi totiens impertistis retribuam; et terras vestras que in parte mea sunt custodiri et defendi faciam; et ex quo potero, illam vobis terram reddam quam vobis dedi, que adhuc est in potestate inimicorum meorum.

Printed: *E. Martène and U. Durand, *Thesaurus Novorum Anecdotorum* (1717) i. 421 (ex MS. Coisliniana bibliotheca); A. Lecoy de la Marche, *Œuvres complètes de Suger* (Soc. de l'Hist. de France, 268 (1867)), p. 310; Duchesne, *Script. Rerum Franc.*, iv. 491; Migne, *P.L.*, clxxxvi, 1434.

Date: After Normandy had been overrun by Geoffrey of Anjou. Lecoy de la Marche suggests 1149–51 which is a likely, if uncertain, date.

752. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–41, at Winchester)

St. Edmund's men and sergeants not to plead outside St. Edmund's court

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] R(oberto) filio Walt(er)i et Ade[1] de Belney salutem. Prohibeo vobis ne patiamini homines Sancti Eadmundi et nominatim servientes extra curiam Sancti Eadmundi placitare. Quia nolo quod injuste placitent nisi ubi placitare debent et solent. Teste A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Wyntoniam.

[1] *MS. Mm.* Ave

MSS.: Cambridge Univ. Lib., *Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v, and Mm. iv. 19, f. 102; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.

Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 430; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 61.

Date: Before the death of the elder Aubrey de Vere, the younger Aubrey being styled count (of Guisnes) from 1139.

753. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54, at London)

The barons of the 8½ hundreds are to maintain the abbot's court

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus baronibus de viii hundredis et dimidio Sancti Ædmundi salutem. Precipio vobis ut ita bene veniatis per summonitionem abbatis Sancti Ædmundi et ministrorum ejus ad curiam suam manutenendam et ad judicia et recta sua perquirend[a]m et faciend(a)m sicut melius et plenius faciebatis tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei. Et nisi feceritis ipse justificet vos per pecunias vestras donec faciatis. Teste Fulcon(e) de Oilli. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102; and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.

Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 430; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 68.

Date: It is tempting to refer this writ to the dispute over the abbey's liberty in the time of Abbot Ording and Daniel Abbot of Holme (1148–53). See *E.H.R.* xxxix. 568–71.

754. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–41 and probably 1135–7)

Exempting Abbot Anselm's goods from toll

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vicecom(itibus) et baronibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie et Normannie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod corredium et vestit(ura) abbatis Anselmi de Sancto Ædmundo et monachorum suorum et omnes res eorum quas ministri sui fecerint affidare suas esse proprias sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et lestagio et omni consuetudine sicut rex Henricus precepit per breve suum. Et super hoc nemo eos inde disturbet injuste super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) A(lberico) de Ver etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102v, Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35v.

Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 59.

Date: Abbot Anselm was trying to be Bishop of London 1137–41, so this writ should probably be dated 1135–7. The latest possible date of the death of the elder Aubrey de Vere is 15 May 1141.

755. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–41)

The abbey's goods to be free of toll

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) baronibus vicec(omitibus) et ministris suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Volo et concedo et precipio quod totum corredium et ferrum et plumbum et materies et naves et omnes res abbatis et monachorum Sancti Ædmundi quas homines sui potuerunt affidare suas esse proprias sint quiete ab omni theloneo et passagio et lestagio et omni consuetudine sicut fuerunt tempore regis Henrici. Et super hoc nullus homines vel naves seu operarios vel res suas disturbet injuste super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) Alb(er)ic(o) de V(er) etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102^{v}, Ff. ii. 33, f. 26^{v}; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 58.
Date: The elder Aubrey de Vere d. 15 May 1141 (or possibly 1140) by which time the younger Aubrey was styled earl.

756. St. Edmund's Abbey (1136–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

The burgesses quit from all payments except to the abbot

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietos omnes homines de burgo Sancti Ædmundi de omni exactione pecunie et de omnibus prestis inperpetuum nisi per abbatem. Teste A(dam) de [B]eln(aco). Apud Sanctum Ædmundum.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102^{v}, Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxix. 439 (from B.M.); *Feudal Docs.*, no. 74.

757. St. Edmund's Abbey (1139–45)

The abbot to perform his castle-guard at Bury St. Edmunds instead of at Norwich

Steph(anus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis clericis et laicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quoniam ego pro salute regis Willelmi avi mei et avunculorum meorum regum Willelmi et Henrici et patris et matris mee et parentum meorum necnon pro remissione peccatorum meorum et Matildis regine uxoris mee et fratrum et puerorum meorum, quietam clamavi in sempiternum deo et Sancto Ædmundo et ecclesie sue et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus wardam xl militum quam facere solebant [ad] castellum meum de Norwico per iiii terminos in anno per decenos milites singulis terminis residentes et preterea quicquam ecclesia prefata vigilibus predicti castelli dare solebat per annum pro warda ejusdem castelli. Et ita quod hanc eandem wardam facient apud Sanctum Ædmundum ad eosdem terminos sicut faciebant apud Norwic(um). Hanc itaque quietationem meam et libertatem ecclesie datam et a me super altare ante corpus Beati Ædmundi oblatam illi ecclesie in sempiternum sine omni retractione optinendam regia auctoritate confirmo et presentis sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum baronum attestatione munio atque corroboro et ne ab aliquibus in posterum temera presumptione tantum taleque bonum minuendum sive aliquo modo infestandum attemptetur omnino prohibeo et a deo michi collata potestate interdico. Testibus M(atilde) regina, et comite Alano Brit(annie), et W(illelmo) comite War(ennie), et Will(elm)o comite Lin(colnie), et ceteris.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 98^{v}, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 25^{v}; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 34^{v}.
Printed: *Monast.* iii. 153 (no. xv); *Feudal Docs.*, no. 64.
Date: There was no William Earl of Lincoln before 1139, and Earl Alan of Brittany d. 15 Sept. 1146. This charter was confirmed by Archbishop Theobald (Saltman, no. 25) while Everard was still Bishop of Norwich (he resigned in 1145).

St. Benet's Holme had been exempted from castleguard at Norwich by Henry I (*Regesta*, 1306), and the bishop of Ely had had his obligation transferred from Norwich to Ely by the same king (*Regesta*, 1656). In the case of Bury St. Edmunds the transference was not permanent. This charter (like **758–9** and **761**) was evidently not recognized by Henry II who was demanding the service at Norwich by 1166 (*Feudal Docs.*, no. 90, cf. *Jocelin of Brakelond*, ed. Butler, 66–68).

758. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54, presumably at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of Stow hundred (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Ædmundi et super altare ejusdem ecclesie propria manu obtulisse imperpetuum elemosinam et liberam possessionem et monachis ibidem deo servientibus hundredum de Stowa. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsa ecclesia et monachi hundredum illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et possideant sicut melius et liberius tenent aliquid de suis aliis hundredis cum soca et saca et tol et theam et infang(ene)þeof et fleondeþeof et grithbrece et fichtwite et ferdwite et forstal et hamsoc(na) et borram et ebereþeof et warpeni et averpeni et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietationibus cum quibus tenent sua alia hundreda. T(estibus) Nig(ello) ep(iscop)o de Ely et ceteris.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 100, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26ᵛ; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36ᵛ.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 430; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 66.
For the formula *soca et saca . . . averpeni* cf. **760**. This is the only other occasion on which this formula is used in St. Edmund's charters. Bishop Nigel witnessed it also.

759. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54)

Grant of Stow hundred (Suff.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum G(alfrido) de Ver et omnibus hominibus tenentibus in hund(redo) de Stowa salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam ecclesie Sancti Ædmundi et monachis hundr(edum) de Stowa cum omnibus consuetudinibus illi pertinentibus excepto jure corone mee. Quare precipio ut intendatis abbati Sancti Ædmundi et ministris suis de omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus eidem pertinentibus hundredo sicut umquam melius fecistis alicui tempore regis Henrici vel meo postea. Teste Nigello ep(iscop)o de Ely.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 99ᵛ, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26*b*; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 430; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 71.
Stow Hundred was not held by St. Edmund's in Henry II's reign. It presumably belonged to the honor of Haughley which was held by Robert de Vere *jure uxoris* early in Stephen's reign, and by Henry of Essex from some time before 1152 till his defeat in trial by battle (for treason) in 1163 (Sanders, *English Baronies*, p. 121). Gilbert de Gant held the *Honor Constabularie* (i.e. of Haughley) at some time in Stephen's reign (Rot. Pip. 15 Hen. II, p. 111). The grant to St. Edmund's is therefore a mystery.

760. St. Edmund's Abbey (3 Aug. 1147–16 April 1148, at London)

Granting the abbey to Abbot Ording

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Ordingo abbati Sancti Edmundi abbatiam Sancti Edmundi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et possideat sicut Baldwinus abbas vel aliquis abbas post eum melius et quietius et liberius et honorificentius eam tenuit in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis, in ecclesiis, in burgo et extra, in aqua et extra, in molendinis et stagnis, in vivariis et piscariis, in turbariis et mariscis, in via et semitis in omnibus locis et universis redditibus cum soka et saka et toll et theam et infangenetheof et fleondetheof et gryhtbriche et fyhtwyte et ferdwyte et foresteal et hamsokna et borram et eberetheof et wardepeny et haverpeny et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et quietationibus et libertatibus suis sicut rex Edwardus ea omnia Sancto Edmundo dedit et rex Willelmus avus meus et postea reges Willelmus et Henricus avunculi mei concesserunt et per cartam suam confirmaverunt. Et prohibeo ne aliquis de hiis omnibus quicquam presumat capere vel minuere vel molestare nisi per Sanctum Edmundum et abbatem suum Ordingum. Testibus Theob(aldo) Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo,[1] et H(enrico) Wynton(iensi)

[1] *M and F stop here*

episcopo, et Rob(er)to episcopo London(iensi), et Rob(er)to episcopo Herford(ensi), et Nigello Elien(si) episcopo, et Ilario Cicestr(ensi) episcopo, et Will(elm)o Norwic(ensi) episcopo, et M(atilde) regina, et comite E(ustachio) filio meo, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Rob(er)to de Veer, et Ric(ard)o de Lucy. Apud London(iam).

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 743, f. 61v, and Add. MS. 14847, f. 35; Camb. Univ. Lib., Mm. iv. 19, f. 99, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 25v.

Printed: Battely. *Antiquitates Sancti Edmundi Burgi*, p. 148; *E.H.R.* xxiv. 429; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 70.

Date: Hilary of Chichester was consecrated 3 Aug. 1147 and Robert Bishop of Hereford died at Rheims, 16 April 1148.

761. St. Edmund's Abbey (1138–9 or 1148–54)

Grant of the half-hundred of Harlow (Essex)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lund(oniensi) et justiciis et vicec(omitibus) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Ædmundi et Ord(ingo) abbati et ejus successoribus imperpetuum dimidium hundredum meum de Herlaua tenendum eadem firma quam solebat reddere tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et honorifice teneant sicut alie ecclesie mee Anglie et abbates melius et liberius tenent hundreda sua. T(estibus) Nigello ep(iscop)o de Ely, etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 99v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.

Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 430; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 76.

Date: Ording was abbot of St. Edmund's 1138–9 while Anselm was disputing the bishopric of London. He became abbot properly in the early months of 1148 (**760**) and this writ probably belongs to 1148–54. Like the grant of Stow Hundred (Suff.) this one seems to be both new and temporary. The abbey continued to hold land in Harlow in Henry II's time and later, but there is no suggestion of its holding the half-hundred.

762. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Granting a second die in the abbey's mint

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Nordf(olch) et Sudf(olch) salutem. Sciatis quia concessi deo et ecclesie S(ancti) Ædmundi et abbati ejusdem ecclesie ut habeat in villa Sancti Ædmundi unum secundum cuneum cum illo cuneo qui antiquitus ibidem fuit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace in eadem libertate teneant et habeant illum secundum cuneum cum qua habent et tenent primum cuneum suum. Teste A(dam) de Beln(aco). Apud Sanctum Ædmundum.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 101, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.

Printed: *E.H.R.* xxiv. 431; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 72.

See Brooke, *Catalogue of coins in the British Museum, Norman kings*, i, p. clxiv. Moneyers recorded at Bury St. Edmunds in Stephen's reign are Ace[llus?] and Gilebert. Henry II confirmed only 'unum monetarium in villa Sancti Edmundi' in 1155–8 (*Feudal Docs.*, no. 79), as if disregarding both this charter and **763**.

763. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Granting a third die in the abbey's mint

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Nordf(olc) et de Sudf(olc) salutem. Sciatis quia concessi inperpetuum abbati de Sancto Ædmundo ut habeat quendam tertium cuneum ad monetam faciendum in villa Sancti Ædmundi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace teneat et habeat illum tertium cuneum et eadem libertate qua habet alios duos cuneos suos in eadem villa. Testibus H(enrico) de Essexa et Adam de Belnei. Apud Sanctum Ædm(un)dum.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 101v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.

Printed *E.H.R.* xxiv. 431; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 73.

764. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–9, and possibly 1138, at (?)Bath)

Confirming Maurice of Windsor his office [the stewardship of St. Edmund's Abbey] and land

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et fidelibus suis omnibus Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Maur(icio) de Wind(eso)r(ia) totam terram suam et ministerium suum et omnia sua de quocunque teneat sicut umquam melius tenuit tempore Henrici regis [in bosco][1] et in plano et in omnibus aliis locis cum soca et saca et tol et tem et infongenebrok (*sic*) et cum aliis libertatibus et quietationibus suis sicut umquam melius tenuit et liberius tempore Henrici regis avunculi mei. Et teneat ea bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete in bosco . . . (*sic*). Testibus Henrico episcopo Winton(iensi), et Hugon(e) Byg(ot), et Sagih'e (*sic*) de Say, et Adalard' de Bathnian (*sic*).

[1] *Omitted in MS.*

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 14848, f. 50.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 57; Rokewode, *Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonde* (Camden Soc.), p. 119.
Hugh Bigod supported the empress from 1140–1. Henry Bishop of Winchester was papal legate from 29 Aug. 1139 till *c.* 24 Sept. 1143. The date of this writ must therefore be before 29 Aug. 1139. *Sagih'e de Say* is presumably a misreading of Ingelramno de Say. The last witness, though he could be Adelard of Bath, is more probably a misreading of *Apud Bathniam*. Stephen visited Bath in 1138 (*Gesta Stephani*, p. 43).

765. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–54)

Quitclaiming a payment which the abbey used to make to a certain falconer

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angli[e] salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietam imperpetuum ecclesiam Sancti Ædmundi de liberatione illa quam quidam accipitarius inde habere solebat. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod illa ecclesia et abbas et monachi ibidem deo servientibus imperpetuum inde quieti sint nec ulterius ab eis requiratur. T(estibus) Rob(erto) de V(er) etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 101v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 65.

766. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–41, at Westminster)

The monks to be re-seised of the church of Caistor St. Edmund (Norf.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo de Norwic(o) salutem. Precipio tibi quod ita plene et juste resaisias monachos Sancti Ædmundi de ecclesia de Castra sicut saisiti fuerunt die qua abbas eorum ivit ad Romam. Et si quicquam inde postea captum est juste reddatur. Et in pace teneant ne aliquis eis inde injuriam faciat. Teste A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 36.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 60; van Caenegem, no. 82.
Date: It is not known at what date(s) Abbot Anselm visited Rome in Stephen's reign, but it was possibly in 1137 (Battely, *Antiquitates*, 70). This charter must be before the elder Aubrey du Vere died and the younger became an earl.

767. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–45)

Grants in Beccles (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Ebor(ardo) episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sudfolc et de Norf(olc) salutem. Sciatis quoniam dedi et concessi deo et Sancto Ædmundo in perpetuam elemosinam ad vestituram monachorum deo ibi famulantium quicquid habebam in dominio meo in manerio de Beccles videlicet v marcas argenti quas inde habere solebam et xii denarios quos

prepositi de Gurlestona inde habebant et cleias que inde reddebantur ad Gorleston', et preter hoc quicquid ibi habebam in boscho et plano et pratis et pascuis et mariscis et hominibus et mercatis et aquis, ita quod nichil ibi retinui nisi tantummodo placita corone mee pertinentia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete et libere teneat abbas et monachi cum saca et soca et tol et theam et infongenþeof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut rex Henricus avunculus meus tenuit in dominio suo pro cujus anima hanc elemosinam dedi Sancto Ædmundo. Testibus Alexand(ro) Lincol(niensi) ep(iscop)o etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 100v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 63.
Date: Everard Bishop of Norwich resigned in 1145. St. Edmund's held most of the land in Beccles (D.B. ii. 369v–70), but there was some royal demesne there (D.B. ii. 283v).

768. St. Edmund's Abbey (1139–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of land from the fee of Roger of Poitou in Thurston (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancti Ædmundi et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus terram que fuit Rog(eri) filii Eudon(is) de Turstaneston de feudo Rog(er)i Pictavini in elemosinam et servitium ejusdem terre, scilicet dimidii militis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi terram illam et servitium illius bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute mea et propinquorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici et antecessorum meorum regum Angl(orum). Testibus R(icardo) de Luci, et F(ulcone) de Oilli, et Ric(ardo) Frax(ineto). Apud Sanctum Ædmund(um).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 102, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26v; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35v.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 69.
This charter was subsequently confirmed by Stephen's son, William (1148–59), thus showing that the gift was from his patrimony (*Feudal Docs.*, no. 188). It is just possible that Richard de Fraxinet is an error for Roger de Fraxinet; the B.M. MS. is derived from Ff, and Ff. from Mm.
Date: Richard de Lucy in Normandy till end of 1138.

769. St. Edmund's Abbey (1135–48)

Confirming the manor of Wrabness (Essex) to the abbey

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lund(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis quia reddo et concedo deo et Sancto Ædmundo et abbati et monachis manerium de Wrabenessa finaliter imperpetuum solutum et quietum ab omni calumpnia ad victum monachorum ita ne amplius respondeant inde Rog(ero) filio Ric(ardi) filii Walch(elini) neque heredibus suis neque alicui aliter qui quicquam inde clamet pro aliquo brevi quod inde veniat. Et ideo volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneant cum saca et soca et tol et theam et infongeneþeof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis sicut Sanctus Ædmundus liberius et quietius alias terras suas tenet. T(estibus) A(lexandro) Linc(olniensi) episcopo etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 100, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 62; van Caenegem, no. 167.
St. Edmund's held Wrabness in 1086 (D.B. ii. 20), but its claim was disputed by Richard fitz Walchelin *c.* 1130 (*Feudal Docs.*, no. 53). Abbot Anselm (1121–48) gave a lease of the manor to Robert fitz Richard, (*Feudal Docs.*, no. 127), and the lease was continued by his descendants after 1200 (*Kalendar of Abbot Samson*, nos. 154, 155). Abbot Anselm's lease presumably dates from the same time as this writ, which must in any case be before the death of Bishop Alexander (20 Feb. 1148).

770. St. Edmund's Abbey (probably 1149–53, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Quitclaim of obligations attaching to 1½ hides in Manhall, Saffron Walden (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essex(a) salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietam Sancto Edmundo et monachis

ejus unam hidam et dimidiam terre in Munehalla inperpetuum de placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et auxiliis vicecomitum et danegeldis et omnibus aliis geldis et auxiliis et consuetudinibus et secularibus exactionibus ad servitium altaris Sancti Edmundi. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod terra illa et homines Sancti Edmundi in ea manentes sint imperpetuum quieti de omnibus supradictis rebus sicut mea propria elemosina. Testibus Daniel(e) abb(at)e[1], et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Bald(rico) de sigillo. Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

[1] *M and F stop here*

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 4220, f. 173, and Mm. iv. 19, f. 101v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35v.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 67.
Date: Daniel was Abbot of Holme from 1140 to 1141/6 (probably 1141), being deposed in favour of Stephen's nephew, Hugh, who was abbot 1141/6–1148/9. Daniel's second abbacy was 1149–10 Nov. 1153; his first abbacy seems to have been very short, and this charter probably (but *not* certainly) dates from his second tenure.

771. St. Edmund's Abbey (1148–54, at St. Edmunds)

The monks to hold their land at Hardwick (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) O(rdingo) abbati de Sancto Ædmundo et omnibus hominibus de honore Sancti Ædmundi salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod monachi de Sancto Ædmundo et cellarius eorum teneant terram suam de Herdewic ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete sicut tenuerunt melius et liberius tempore alicujus abbatis de Sancto Ædmundo, ita ne aliquis se intromittat nisi per monachos et per cellarium eorum. Teste R(oberto) de V(er). Apud Sanctum Ædmundum.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 101, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35v.
Printed: *Feudal Docs.*, no. 75.
Date: While Ording was abbot.

772. St. Edmund's Abbey (1148–54)

Confirming the grant made by Abbot Ording to his nephew Berard

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris suis de Norfolc et de Suffolc et omnibus baronibus et probis hominibus de honore Sancti Edmundi salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam concessionem quam Ordingus abbas de Sancto Edmundo et conventus fecerunt Berardo nepoti ipsius Ordingi abbatis de terra Alfwini Horteyn et de hominibus et de pertinentiis et de exitibus suis et acatis et perquesitibus (*sic*) suis. Quare volo et precipio quod idem Berardus et heredes sui post eum teneant hec predicta bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis et in omnibus aliis rebus sicut abbas Ordingus et conventus Sancti Edmundi illa ei concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt et eodem servitio. T. R(oberto) de Veer, et H(enrico) de Essexia.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 7096 (Reg. Curteys), f. 91.
The land of Alfwyn Horsteyn included 81 ware acres in Barton near Bury St. Edmunds (Douglas, *Feudal Docs.*, p. 26). If Horsteyn = Horse-thegn, we would presume that Ording's nephew Berard is to be equated with Berard the constable who witnessed charters for Abbot Ording (ibid., nos. 136, 138, and 142).

773. St. Edmund's Abbey (1148–54)

Confirming a quitclaim made by Abbot Ording to the convent

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi) et justiciis et vicecom(itibus) et baronibus et omnibus hominibus de honore Sancti Ædmundi salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse illam quietationem quam Ordingus abbas de Sancto Ædmundo fecit priori et conventui ejusdem ecclesie scilicet de corredio illo quod predecessores sui abbates illius ecclesie habere solebant de cellario monachorum et coquina eorum ad suam propriam mensam salva sibi participatione mense refectorii sicut idem abbas Ordingus inde eos quietos clamavit et carta sua confirmavit. Et ut hec quietatio inperpetuum perduret, presentis

sigilli mei impressione confirmo et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro. T(estibus) W(illelmo) Mart(el) etc.

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Mm. iv. 19, f. 100v, and Ff. ii. 33, f. 26; B.M. Add. MS. 14847, f. 35.
Printed: Battely, *Antiquitates Sancti Edmundi Burgi*, p. 75; *Feudal Docs.*, no. 77.

774. Abbey of S. Evroult (1143–4 or 1150–1)

General confirmation and freedom from impleadings

Notum sit tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Gaufridus Andegavorum comes, Fulconis bone memorie Jherusalem regis filius, monachis Sancti Ebrulfi res eorum universas ita habendas et possidendas libere et quiete concedo et affirmo, sicut habebant in tempore regis Hainrici antecessoris mei. Et omnibus communiter ne predictos monachos de rebus suis in causam mittant precipio. Insuper illis ne cum aliquo inde placitentur prohibeo. Et amicis meis ubicumque fuerint, sicut me diligunt, ut eos manuteneant et ab omnibus defendant cum summa diligentia submoneo et rogo.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 11056, f. 25v.
Printed: Haskins, 141; *C.D.F.*, no. 637 (cal.).
Date: After the death of King Fulk of Jerusalem (10 Nov. 1143), and either before Geoffrey became Duke of Normandy (23 April 1144), or in 1150–1 after he had resigned the Duchy. The very unusual and literary style would suit a date before Geoffrey had acquired an official Norman chancery, but the reference to Henry I as 'his' (rather than as his wife's) predecessor suggests that he was, or had been, Duke himself.

775. Abbey of S. Ghislain (*c.* 1145–50, at Oxford)

Informing the Bishop of Cambrai of the grant made by William de Tulin on his deathbed

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo de Cam[eraco][1] salutem. Scias quod duo armigeri Willelmi de Tulin coram me testificati sunt quod in die mortis sue dimisit et dedit idem Willelmus dimidiam terram de Dour et omnes redditus et terragium ecclesie Sancti Gisleni, ibique affuerunt hii tres milites Amandus de Valenchienis, et Balduinus de Villa, et Herbertus de Valenchienis. T(este) Ric(ardo) de Canvill(a). Apud Oxen(eforde).[2]

[1] *Baudry*, Camberone [2] *Baudry notes* Ista carta sigillata est duplici sigillo.

MSS.: Mons, Archives de l'État, *S. Ghislain cartulary, no. 60, f. 91v; Mons, Bibl. publ., *Annales de l'abbaye de S. Ghislain*, MS. 128/312, I, Bk. 4, App., p. 196 (Baudry's transcript from the original).
Printed: De Reiffenberg, *Monuments pour servir à l'histoire des provinces de Namur de Hainault et de Luxembourg*, viii (1848), 829; Ch. Duvivier, *Recherches sur le Hainaut ancien* (1865), ii. 580. Baudry was prior of the abbey from 1740 till his death in 1752.
Date: There is a covering letter 'Reverendissimo domino et patri suo T(heobaldo) dei gratia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo et primato totius Angliae, G. consangineus suus, salutem in domino'. Since it makes Theobald primate but not legate, it suggests a date *c.* 1145–50.

776. Abbey of S. Maur-sur-Loire (Friday, 9 Nov. 1151, at Angers)

Duke Henry confirms a charter of Geoffrey Count of Anjou (Aug. 1135)

Sciant et intelligant tam presentes quam posteri sancte dei ecclesie fideles quod ego Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum ob remedium anime Gaufridi patris mei comitis Andegavensis *et omnium fidelium* absolutionem *dono et concedo ecclesie beati Mauri confessoris monachis ibidem deo servientibus et servituris totam vicariam sine retinac(u)lo* quam *habebam in terra Sancti Mauri que vocatur Lectus Ansaldi*, sicut Fulco avus meus et ejus uxor Aramburgis comitissa predicte ecclesie donaverunt et concesserunt et eorum carta testatur. Addo etiam hoc quod *terra ejusdem ecclesie que in Laudunensi paga consistit* libera sit ab omni consuetudine, et ab omni vicariorum potestate totam[1] omnino liberam[2] esse concedo eis, *exceptis exercitu et equitatu. Concedo* etiam de meo *nemore quantum* eis *opus fuerit omnes arbores excepta quercu prope pede fecunda.*[3] *Factum est autem hoc donum Willelmo ejusdem loci abbate imposcante apud Andegavim*, anno ab incarnatione domini millesimo centesimo quinquagesimo primo, testibus Briencio de Marteigniano, Hugone . . .[4] angligena, Willelmo de Osterio,[5] Pagano de Verun,[6] magistro Matheo,[7] die Veneris festi

[1] *b* tota [2] *b* libera [3] *b* sequanda [4] *illegible in both MSS.*
[5] *a* Ostelleyo [6] *a* Nervin [7] *b* Martheo

Sancti Theodori martiris, papa Romane sedis Eugenio, Francorum[1] rege Ludovico, Normanno Andegavensi episcopo.

[1] *a* Francie

MSS.: Angers, Archives du Maine-et-Loire, H. 1775 (two copies: (*a*) fifteenth century but much damaged and (*b*) seventeenth century and only slightly damaged).
Passages in italics are from Count Geoffrey's charter (given at Angers, Aug. 1135), of which there are three copies in the same archives, H. 1775.

777. St. Neot's Priory (Jan. 1136–March 1137, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of a market on Thursdays in Eynesbury (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Neoti de Ernulfiberia[1] et priori et monachis in ea deo servientibus imperpetuum quod habeant unum mercatum in villa eadem in omni ebdomada per diem Jovis. Quare volo et precipio quod omnes illi, qui illuc venerint vel inde redierint, habeant meam firmam pacem, eundo et redeundo, dando suas rectas consuetudines, ne super hoc ab aliquo injuste disturbentur super x libras forisfacture. Testibus A(lexandro) episcopo Lincolniensi, et E(verardo) episcopo Norwici, et A(udoino) episcopo Ebroicensi, et R(ogero) cancellario, et W(illelmo) Martel, et Simone de Belloc(ampo). Apud Sanctum Edmundum.

[1] *F* Ernulfeberia

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 16 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 23; B.M. Cotton MS. Faustina A. iv, f. 46^{v} (abbreviated and without witnesses).
Printed: **C.P.R. 1436–41*, 173–4 (no. 1).
Date: Simon de Beauchamp was dead by the end of 1137 (G.S. 31 and n.). Stephen went to Normandy in March 1137.

778. St. Neot's Priory (1135–54)

Grant of 13 shillings'-worth of land in Wimbish (Essex) given by Robert fitz Richard

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concedo deo et ecclesie Sancti Neoti illas xxiii solidatas terre in villa de Vimbis quas Rob(er)t(us) filius Ric(ardi) ei dedit pro salute anime sue, scilicet terram illam que fuit Laur(entii) quam heredes sui tenent, et terram que fuit Turchilli Topi. Et volo et precipio quod in pace et quiete eam terram teneat cum omnibus libertatibus ad terram illam pertinentibus in bosco et plano et com(m)unitatibus (*sic*) sicut carta ipsius Roberti testatur quod tenere debeat. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Faustina A. iv, f. 46.

779. Abbey of S. Wandrille (1144–50, at Rouen)

Duke Geoffrey restores the tithes of ducal rents at Arques, Dieppe, and the vicomté of Arques, and its weeks of the rent of Rouen

G(alfridus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) Willelmo de Vernon et Roberto de Novoburgo justiciis suis salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod vos faciatis habere plenarie et recte et integre abbati Sancti Wandreg(isili) amico nostro familiari, et conventui illius ecclesie, decimas reddituum meorum de Archis de Deppa et de toto vicecomitatu Archarum, sicut ecclesia illa melius in tempore Henrici regis habuit, et septimanas suas de redditu Rothomagi, secundum cursum et ordinem septimanarum, sicut unquam liberius et plenius habuit. Et si quis eos super hoc inquietare vel disturbare voluerit, plenariam eis inde justiciam faciatis, ne clamorem inde ulterius habeam. T(este) Willelmo comite de Rolmare. A(pud) Rothomagum.

MS.: Rouen, Bibl. Mun., MS. 394, f. 2 (no. 4).
Printed: *Lot, *S. Wandrille*, 186 (no. 119); *E.H.R.* xxvii (1902), 438.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke and after William de Roumare had deserted Stephen and left England.

780. Abbey of S. Wandrille (1146–50, at Argentan)

Futher writ about tithes (specified)

G(alfridus)[1] dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) Hugoni Rothomag(ensi) archiepiscopo et omnibus episcopis Norm(annie) et omnibus justiciis suis et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Notum sit vobis atque omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris me, consilio et concessu Henrici filii mei reddidisse monachis Sancti Wandreg(isili) omnes decimas et elemosinas in bladis et in denariis et in omnibus rebus sicut in tempore regis Henrici habebant, scilicet decimam ebdomadarum telonei mei in Rothomago, et quicquid habebant apud Archas et apud Deppam et apud Botellas et apud Estruem et apud Argent(onam) et apud Falesiam et apud Oximas et apud Cadomum in feria prati, et ubicumque aliquid haberent in anno quo rex Henricus vivus et mortuus fuit. Test(ibus) Ric(ardo) cancell(ario), Roberto de Novoburgo, R[oberto][2] de Corceio, Alex(andro) de Bo(hun). Apud Argentonam.

[1] *b* O [2] *a* R. *b* Ric.

MSS.: (*a*) Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar. 16 H (non coté), Cartulary, f. 309v; (*b*) Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 17132, f. 37.

Printed: *Lot, *S. Wandrille*, 142 (no. 78); Delisle–Berger, no. 9*; *Neustria Pia*, 176 (extract); *C.D.F.*, no. 170 (abstract).

Date: While Geoffrey was duke and Henry in Normandy.

781. Priory of S. Ymer (1147, at Saumur)

Confirmation of the grant of the church of S. Ymer by Arnulf Bishop of Lisieux to the monks of Bec

Godefridus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavensium Hugoni dei gratia archiepiscopo Rothomagensi episcopis baronibus totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et sigilli mei attestatione confirmasse ecclesiam Sancti Ysmerii et omnes facultates prefate ecclesie pertinentes prout datur et conceditur ab Arnulpho episcopo Lexoviensi, in Domini exercitus auxilium Jerusalem profecto, videlicet monachis Sancte Marie de Becco usque in perpetuum. Teste Roberto de Novoburgo. Apud Salm(urium).

MS.: Paris. Bibl. Nat., MS. nouv. acq. lat. 2097, p. 9 (cartulary of 1752).

Printed: *Charles Bréard, *Cartulaires de Saint-Ymer-en-Auge et de Bricquebec* (Soc. d'Hist. de Normandie, 1908), p. 7; *C.D.F.*, no., 360 (abstract).

Date: Arnulf's charter is dated 1147 at Neufbourg (Bréard, p. 6).

782. Priory of S. Ymer (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Lisieux)

Ordering an inquest to be held to decide which of the things which were held by Thomas of Pont l'Évêque belonged to S. Ymer

Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum Arnulpho episcopo Lexoviensi et Roberto de Monteforti salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod faciatis recognosci per legales homines, que sint ille que pertinent ad ecclesiam Sancti Imerii de rebus illis quas Thomas de Ponte-Episcopi tenuit, et illam monachis de Becco bene et in pace et juste tenere faciatis. Teste Willelmo filio Ham(onis). Apud Lexovium.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. nouv. acq. lat. 2097, p. 12 (cartulary of 1752).

Printed: Charles Bréard, *Cartulaires de Saint-Ymer-en-Auge et de Bricquebec* (Soc. d'Hist. de Normandie, 1908), p. 9; *Delisle–Berger, no. 34*.

Date: While Henry was Count of Anjou, but before he was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was in Normandy.

Note: L'abbé de Roquette who compiled the cartulary in 1752 noted this document had its seal: *sigillatum sigillo magno in quo dux Henricus in equo representatur vexillum manu gerens.*

783. Saintes, St. Mary's Abbey (April–Dec. 1154, at Périgueux)

General confirmation of possessions and liberties

Henricus dux Aquitanorum et Normannorum et comes Andegavorum senescalco Pictavie et preposito Xanctonensi et omnibus servientibus et ministris suis salutem. Mando vobis

et precipio ut omnes res et possessiones ad abbatiam Sancte Marie de Xanctonis pertinentes in pace et libere et quiete esse permittatis, sicut carte quas a fundatione ecclesie sue sanctimoniales habent et carta Alienordis ducisse uxoris mee testantur, nec aliquis in possessionibus earum herbergamentum aut questam aut procurationem aut cabalcatam aut exercitum aut quidlibet aliud vi aut terrore ulterius exigat, set et vigeriam de homicidio, de furtu, de raptu, de incendio prorsus dimittatis. Precipio insuper vobis quatinus contra omnes qui possessiones earum inquietaverint eas manuteneatis et defendatis sicut res meas proprias. Si vero super hoc amplius de vobis querimoniam audiero, gravem inde vindictam sine dubio accipiam. Testibus Gaufrido Burdegalensi archiepiscopo, Philippo Baiocensi episcopo, Arnulfo episcopo Lexoviensi, episcopo Agennensi, Gaufrido de Claers, Emblone de Malleone, Saldebrolio constabulario, magistro Bernardo. Apud Petragoras.

Printed: *Delisle-Berger, no. 74 *from Grasilier, *Cartulaire de N.D. de Saintes*, p. 37 (no. 30).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in France, and before he was King.

784. Salisbury, Cathedral and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Grant of the borough and hundreds of Malmesbury to Bishop Roger

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Rogero episcopo Sar(esberiensi) totum burgum de Malmesb(er)ia cum omnibus hundretis et terris et consuetudinibus eidem burgo adjacentibus, sicut erant in dominio regis Henrici die qua ipse fuit vivus et mortuus. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere illud teneat cum socha et sacha et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus cum quibus rex Henricus eum burgum et hundr(eta) ei pertinentia tenuit in dominio suo. T(estibus) Henr(ico) Winton(iensi) ep(iscop)o, et Alexandr(o) Lincoln(iensi) ep(iscop)o, et Seyfrido Cycestr(ensi) ep(iscop)o. Apud Oxeneford.

MSS.: Salisbury Diocesan Registry, Lib. Evid. B., no. 5, Liber Ruber, no. 5; *Salisbury D. and C., Lib. Evid. C., no. 33; London, Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 3v.
Printed: R. Benson and H. Hatcher, *History of Old and New Sarum* (1843), 723; *Sarum Charters*, p. 7.
Date: Before Bishop Roger's arrest.

785. Salisbury, Cathedral and See (1136–54, at Clarendon)

Exemption from tolls

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) omnibus justic(iis) et baronibus et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse canonicis Sancte Marie Saresber(iensis) ecclesie ut sint imperpetuum quieti in mercatis et in feriis per totam Angliam cujuscumque terre sit ab omni theoloneo et consuetudine de toto dominio suo. Et prohibeo ne aliquis super hoc eis injuriam faciat super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) R. canc(ellario), et W(illelmo) Mart(el). Apud Clarendon.

MSS.: Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. Evid. B., no. 8, Lib. Ruber, no. 8; Salisbury D. and C., *Lib. Evid. C., no. 36; London, Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 14.
Printed: R. Benson and H. Hatcher, 723; *Sarum Charters*, 9.

786. Salisbury, Cathedral and See (1136–9, at Cirencester)

Grant to Bishop Roger of the land of William Malger at Lavington (Wilts.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Salesb(er)ię et justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglic(is) de Wiltescira salutem. Sciatis quoniam dedi et concessi Rog(er)io episcopo Salesb(er)ie servitium et terram Will(elm)i fil(ii) Malger(i) de Lavintona, de feodo quod ipse tenebat de Gisleb(er)to Blundo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneat terram illam cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis cum quibus tenet alias terras suas liberius et quietius. T(estibus) Henr(ico) Winton(iensi) ep(iscop)o, et Rog(er)o de Fiscampo. Apud Cirecest(ra)m.

MSS.: Salisbury D. and C., *C. 3 (original, $9\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{3}{8}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* x (T.A.M.B., no. 740); tongue torn, seal missing). Copies in Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. B., no. 6, and Lib. Ruber, no. 6, and Lib. Niger Episcopi, f. 36; London, Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 3v.
Printed: Bishop, *Scriptores Regis*, pl. iv (*c*) (facs.); *Sarum Charters*, 8.
Date: Before the disgrace (June 1139) or at any rate the death (Dec. 1139) of Bishop Roger.

787. Salisbury Cathedral and See (25 Dec. 1139, at Salisbury)

Exemption from danegeld and confirmation of churches

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia clamo quietos (*sic*) inperpetuum omnes terras pertinentes ad prebend(as) canonicorum Sancte Marie Saresb(eriensis) ecclesie de danegeld(is) in quibuscumque vicecomitatibus terras et prebendas ha(be)nt. Et preterea concedo et confirmo et regia auctoritate corroboro omnes ecclesias illas quas Rogerus episcopus Sar(esberiensis) perquisivit et dedit eidem ecclesie in augmentum prebendarum et personagiarum ecclesie ipsius, videlicet ecclesiam de Odiha(m) cum omnibus ei pertinentibus ecclesiam de Mera et ecclesiam de Westb(uri)a et ecclesïam de Ficheldena et ecclesiam de Alwardb(ur)ia cum omnibus eis pertinentibus in [terris] et [deci]mis et ecclesiam de Heseburna et de Burbec' cum terris et rebus omnibus eis pertinentibus. Quare volo et precipio quod omnia hec suprascripta in pace et quiete et honorifice teneant. Et hoc eis facio pro salute anime avi mei Willelmi regis et H(enrici) regis avunculi mei et pro salute patris et matris mee et pro salute anime mee et pro statu regni mei. Et ideo volo et precipio quod teneant libere et quiete et bene et in pace in pratis et pascuis in aquis et molendinis in stagnis et piscariis [in viis et semitis] et in omnibus locis. T(estibus) Ep(iscop)o Heref(ordensi), et Com(ite) de Mell(ent), et Ph(ilippo) canc(ellario), Rog(ero) de Fisc(anno), Rob(erto) de Ver, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Rich(ero) de Aquila, et Ing(elranno) de Sai, et Rog(er)o de Toeni, et [Willelmo de] Pontarch(e), et Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud Sar(esberiam), die Natal(is) domini.

MSS.: Salisbury D. and C., *C. 2 (original, $8'' \times 6''$, written in a hand resembling chancery style, and in which Robert of Salisbury's writ to Roger Fitz Miles (**313**) and **788** was written. If Bishop is right (T.A.M.B., no. 741 and p. 28) the hand is always associated with Bishop Roger. The writ is now torn and partly illegible; tongue but no seal); copies in London, Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 2v (*c.* 1250, though the scribe already found the original difficult to decipher); Salisbury, Dioc. Reg., Lib. Ruber, no. 31; Salisbury D. and C., Lib. Evid. C., p. 39.
Printed: R. Benson and H. Hatcher, 723.
Date: As stated in text. John of Worcester (p. 59) says the canons paid 2,000 pounds for this privilege.

788. Salisbury Cathedral and See (25 Dec. 1139, at Salisbury)

Inflated Version of **787**.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia clamo quietas inperpetuum omnes terras pertinentes ad prebendas omnium canonicorum ecclesie Sancte Marie Saresb(eriensis) de danegeld(is). Et preterea concedo et confirmo et regia auctoritate corroboro omnes ecclesias illas quas Rog(erus) episcopus Sar(esberiensis) perquisivit et dedit eidem ecclesie in augmentum prebendarum et personagiarum ejusdem ecclesie, videlicet ecclesiam de Odiha(m) et ecclesiam de Mera et ecclesiam de Westb(ur)ia et ecclesiam de Stapelford(a) et ecclesiam de Fischeldena et ecclesiam de Hisseburna et ecclesiam de Burbecha cum omnibus appendiciis suis ecclesiam de Alwardb(ur)ia et omnes alias ecclesias cum rebus omnibus eisdem pertinentibus. Et nominatim ecclesiam de Canengis cum omnibus appendiciis suis ad communam predictorum canonicorum inperpetuum sine omni alia calupnia. Et ad illam communam augm(en)tandam et sustentandam dono eis inperpetuum x libratas terre de dominio meo in .[1] Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod hec omnia supradicta bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in bosco et in plano in pratis et in pascuis in aquis et molendinis in stagnis et piscariis in viis et in semitis, extra castellum et infra, in burgo et extra, et in omnibus aliis locis. Et hoc eis caritative et benigne concedo et dono pro salute

[1] *Blank in MS.*

anime mee et pro salute anime Will(elm)i regis avi mei et pro salute anime H(enrici) regis avunculi mei, et pro salute animarum patris et matris mee et pro statu regni mei. T(estibus) Rob(erto) ep(iscop)o Hereford(ensi), et G(ualerano) com(ite) de Mell(ent), et Philip(po) cancell(ario), et Rog(er)o de Fisca(n)no, et Rob(er)to de Ver, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Richero de Aquila, et Ingelranno de Sar[1] (*sic*), et Rog(er)o de Toen(i), et Will(elm)o de Pontearcar(um), et Turgiso de Abrinc(is), et Rob(erto) de Oilli, et Fulcon(e) fr(atr)e suo, et Walt(er)o Sar(esburiensi), et Warnerio de Lusor(is), et Ric(ardo) camerario, et Gaufr(ido) Piet(ate), et Rob(erto) Marmion(e). Apud Sar(esburiam), die Natalis Domini.

[1] *Sic MS., recte* Sai

MSS.: Salisbury D. and C., *C. 2 (original, 9½″×4½″, apparently in the same hand as **787** (T.A.M.B., no. 742 and p. 28) though in a different style. Tongue torn. Seal missing); copies in London, Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 3; and Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. Evid. B., no. 4, and Lib. Ruber, no. 4; and Salisbury D. and C., Lib. Evid. C., no. 32.

Printed: *Sarum Charters*, 10.

Date: Supposedly as for **787**, though one cannot but suspect the document as a forgery. The grant has been increased by the churches of Stapelford and Cannings and 10 librates of land in a place unknown —there is a blank space for the name in the original. These last two additional grants, with the reference to 'extra castellum et infra' seem to show too much foreknowledge of **796**. The additional witnesses are those after William Pont de l'Arche with the single exception of Fulk d'Oilly.

789. Salisbury Cathedral and See (*c.* 25 Dec. 1139 (?), at Salisbury)

Grant of the churches Odiham, Liss, and Bentworth (Hants) for the use of the master of the school at Salisbury

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Henrico Wyntoniensi episcopo et justiciariis et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Wiltescira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosynam deo et ecclesie Sar(esberiensi) ad opus magistri scole Sar(esberiensis) ecclesiam de Odyham cum ecclesia de Lys et de Bynthewrthe et cum aliis ecclesiis et capellis ei pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsas bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneat cum terris et decimis et consuetudinibus eis pertinentibus in bosco et plano in terris et pratis et pascuis et cum omnibus aliis rectitudinibus ecclesiasticis, sicut Rogerus Sar(esberiensis) episcopus et Rann(ulphus) Dunelmensis episcopus illas umquam melius tenuerunt. T(estibus) Phil(ippo) cancellar(io), et Rog(ero) de Fissecon, et com(ite) Waler(ano) de Melen(t), et Roberto de Ver,[1] et Yng(er)am(o) de Saye, et Will(elmo) de Puntarche. Apud Sar(esberiam).

[1] *MS.* Var

MSS.: Salisbury Dioc. Reg., *Vetus Registrum, p. 38; Statuta Ecclesie Sarum, f. 38ᵛ.

Printed: R. Benson and H. Hatcher, 724; *Sarum Charters*, p. 8; *Register of St. Osmund*, i. 191.

Date: While Philip was chancellor; Stephen was at Salisbury for Christmas 1139 (John of Worcester, p. 59).

790. Salisbury Cathedral and See (*c.* 25 Dec. 1139, at Salisbury)

Concerning the churches at Hurstbourne (Hants) and Burbage (Wilts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) H(enrico) episcopo Wynton(iensi) apostolice sedis legato dilecto fratri suo salutem. Scias quia non dedi comiti Teob(aldo) fratri vestro n(isi) illud quod habebat[1] in manerio de Hesseburn(a) et Burbach(e). Quare precipio quod ecclesia Sancte Marie Sar(esberiensis) teneat in prebendam ecclesiam de predicto manerio de Hesseburn(a) et illam de Burbey sicut umquam melius tenuit in die qua Rogerus episcopus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et si ecclesia Sancte Marie inde disseisita est, cito resaisatur, ne super hoc ulla fiat ei injuria vel contumelia. T(este) G(ualerano) com(ite) de Mell(ent). Apud Sar(esberiam).

[1] *Petyt MS.* habeant; *Lib. C., Lib. B., and Lib. Ruber* habebant

MSS.: London, Inner Temple,*Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 3ᵛ; Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. Evid. B., no. 7, Lib. Ruber, no. 7; Salisbury D. and C., Lib. Evid. C., no. 35.

Printed: *Sarum Charters*, 9.

Date: Henry was legate from 24 Aug. 1139 till 24 Sept. 1143. Waleran of Meulan deserted Stephen during 1141, and Stephen was in the north or in captivity all that year. This gives limits of 24 Aug. 1139–Dec. 1140, and as Waleran of Meulan is not a common witness, it is natural to pitch on 25 Dec. 1139 when he was at Salisbury with Stephen (**786**). Cf. **543** which refers to other dispossessions effected by Count Theobald, in a writ issued by Stephen at Andover, Dec. 1139–Jan. 1140.

791. Salisbury Cathedral and See (Summer 1141, at Oxford)

The empress confirms the freedom of the prebends from pleas in shires and hundreds etc.

M(atildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina Johanni filio Gis[leberti][1] et W(illelmo) de Salesb(eria) et ministris suis salutem. Precipio quod prebende Sancte Marie Saris(beriensis) et canonici et homines sui de prebendis suis sint in pace et quieti de placitis et querelis et schiris et hundredis sicuti fuerunt tempore Osmundi et Rogeri episcoporum, et nominatim prebende ecclesiarum. Et si quid super ipsos positum est, clamo quietum. T(estibus) [Theobaldo] archi(episcopo) Cant(uariensi), et Rob(erto) ep(iscop)o Londinensi. Apud Oxenford.

[1] *MS.* scl Gisc

MSS.: Salisbury Dioc. Reg., *Statuta Eccl. Sarum, f. 34v; Salisbury D. and C., 'Miscellanea Decani', f. 19.
Printed Hatcher and Benson, 724; *Sarum Charters*, 11.
Date: While Archbishop Theobald was with the empress.

792. Salisbury Cathedral and See (1141–7, at Devizes)

The empress augments the two prebends of the church of Heytesbury (Wilts.)

M(altildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina omnibus sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me contulisse et dedisse deo et Sancte Marie et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Hegtred(eberie) in augmentum prebendarum Silvestri et Reginaldi canonicorum ejusdem ecclesie de Hegtred(eberie) et nominatim ad serviendum capelle de Tydernton(a) xxviii acras terre cum pastura c(entum) ovium in montibus, et eisdem ovibus in cultura pasturam xxviii acrarum, pasturam quoque decem boum et ii vaccarum et ii equorum et unum mansum et plenam communionem cum rusticis ejusdem ville in villa et extra. Sciatis [enim][1] preterea, petitione et concessione hominum ejusdem ville, me totum quod supradictum est dedisse ecclesie de Hegtred(ebirie) et capelle de Tyderinton(a), ita libere et quiete ab omni jugo et jure laicali absolute tenendum, sicut ipsa Hegtred(eberie) ecclesia libera et ab hujusmodi absoluta esse dinoscitur. Testibus Rob(erto) com(ite) Glocestr(ie), Willelmo Giff(ard) cancell(ario), mag(ist)ro Rad(ulfo), Edwardo de Hurst, Petro Bot(er)el. Apud Divis(as).

[1] *Second version omits*

MS.: Salisbury Dioc. Reg., *Vetus Registrum Eccl. Sar., pp. 95 and 98.
Printed: *Register of St. Osmund*, i. 340.
Date: The empress won Devizes in 1141; Earl Robert died 31 Oct. 1147.

793. Salisbury Cathedral and See (1141–7, at Devizes)

The empress grants land in Wilton to the prebendal church of Heytesbury (Wilts.)

M(atildis) imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglorum domina just(icie) et vicecom(iti) et omnibus baronibus Wiltescire et burgensibus Wilton(e) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie et ecclesie Sancti Petri de Hegtredeberie in elemosinam in eternum totam terram mare cum edificiis et firma quam Petrus sacerdos de me tenet in Wilton(a) quam idem Petrus an(te)a supranotate ecclesie in prebendam dedit pro salute anime Henrici regis patris mei et Mat(ildis) regine matris mee, pro salute etiam anime mee et filiorum meorum, cum socca et sacca et thol et theam et infangentheof et omnibus aliis libertatibus sicut H(enricus) rex pater meus et Aethledis regina prescripto Petro concesserunt et carta confirmaverunt. Test(ibus) Willelmo Giffard cancellar(io), mag(ist)ro Rad(ulfo), Rad(ulfo) de Witcechirch(e), et multis aliis. Apud Divis(as).

MS.: Salisbury Dioc. Reg., *Vetus Registrum Eccl. Sar., p. 98.
Printed: *Register of St. Osmund*, i. 345.

794. Salisbury Cathedral and See (10 June 1148, at Falaise)

The empress restores to bishop Jocelin and the church of Salisbury all the lands of theirs which she held, viz. Cannings and Potterne

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia, Henrico filio suo et omnibus fidelibus suis de Anglia salutem et dilectionem. Sciatis quod ego, mandato et precepto domini Pape reddidi deo et Sar(esberiensi) ecclesie et Jocelino ejusdem ecclesie episcopo omnes terras Sar(esberiensis) ecclesie quas in manu mea tenueram, Caningas scilicet et Pot(er)nas cum omnibus

pertinentiis earum tam in hominibus quam in terris. Et hanc redditionem feci in presentia domini Hugonis Rothomag(ensis) archiepiscopi et plurium abbatum Normannie et baronum meorum, coram quibus pacta sum quod ego nunquam ulterius prenominatas terras Sar(esberiensis) ecclesie auferam, nec alius pro me, sed eas imperpetuum eidem ecclesie quietas dimittam. Mando itaque vobis et tibi, Henrice, sicut filio meo precipio quatinus hanc redditionem meam vos ex parte vestra teneatis, et vos a peccato et excommunicatione liberetis, et terras predictas Sar(esberiensi) ecclesie et ejus episcopo in pace dimittatis, sicut salutem vestram et honorem meum diligitis. T(este) Hug(one) Rothomag(ensi) archie p(iscop)o. Apud Falesiam.

MSS.: Salisbury Diocesan Record Office, (*original, 8¾″ × 3⅝″, written in an unidentified hand; with tongue but no seal). Copies in Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. Evid. B., no. 245, Lib. Ruber, no. 245; Salisbury D. and C., Lib. Evid. C., no. 285.
Printed: Hatcher and Benson, 274; *Sarum Charters*, 14; Waylen, *Devizes*, 65 (trans.).
Date: See Archbishop Hugh's own charter (*Sarum Charters*, 15).

795. Salisbury Cathedral and See (13 Apr. 1149, at Devizes)

Duke Henry makes restitution, with exceptions which include Devizes Castle, of the manor of Bishop's Cannings (Wilts.)

Henr(icus) ducis Norm(annorum) et comitis And(egavorum) filius archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis per Angliam constitutis salutem. Scire vos volo quod ego reddidi deo et Sar(esberiensi) ecclesie et Joc(elino) Sar(esberiensi) episcopo manerium suum de Kanyngg(es) cum hundr(edo) suo et omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus et reliquis omnibus pertin(entiis) suis in terris et aquis in bosco et plano ita libere et quiete sicut umquam predecessores sui Osmundus et Rogerus episcopi melius et liberius et quietius tempore avi mei regis Henrici et predecessorum ejus tenuerunt, excepto castro de Devys(is) quod in predicto Sar(esberiensis) ecclesie manerio est situm,[1] et burgo et parco, et excepto servitio militum ejusdem manerii quod ego adhuc propter necessitatem meam in manu mea retineo in bona sufferentia episcopi donec me deus exemplificet quod ego ei reddere possim, et exceptis v hidis terre ejusdem manerii quas Robertus filius Rad(ulphi) tenet et duabus hydis apud Ryndeweyam quas tenet G(r)egorius et dimidiam hidam quam tenet Raykbyen[2] portarius. Et isti tres n(un)c tenebunt in sufferentia episcopi a proximo Sancti Michaelis festo in annu(m), et tunc eorum ten(ur)a quiete et sine omni calumpnia ad episcopum redibit. Scripta autem est hec carta et hec redditio facta anno ab incarnatione domini M° C° XLIX°, Idibus Aprilis, apud Divisis, hiis subscriptis testibus: Rog(ero) com(ite) H(er)ef(ordensi), Pat(ri)cio com(ite) Sar(esberiensi), Joh(ann)e filio Gilb(er)ti, Gozone de Dinant,[3] Will(elm)o de Bello campo, Elia Giffard, Rogero de Berkeleye, Joh(anne) de S(anc)to Joh(anne), Hub(er)to de Vallibus, Henr(ico) Hoes(ato), Umfrido filio Odonis, Manasser(o) Bysset, Th(oma) Basset, Hug(one) fil(io) Ric(ardi), Ran(ulpho) cl(er)ic(o), Rob(ert)o decano Sar(esberiensi), Gregor(io) dapifero, Henr(ico) Sar(esberiensi) ar(chi)di(acon)o, Gilb(er)to de Bellafag(o), Rob(ert)o de S(anc)to Panc(ra)tio.

[1] *Lib. C.* situm est
[2] *Lib. B. and Lib. Ruber* Raylebien; *Lib. C.* Bailebien
[3] *Lib. C.* Garone Dinestut

MSS.: London, Inner Temple, *Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 6ᵛ; Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. B., no. 18, Lib. Ruber, no. 18; Salisbury D. and C., Lib. C., no. 46.
Printed. *Sarum Charters*, 15; Waylen, *Devizes*, 67 (trans.).
For discussion see *E.H.R.* lxi (1946), 83, and cf. **666**.

796. Salisbury Cathedral and See (9 Apr. 1153, at Stockbridge, Hants)

Agreement whereby Duke Henry is to hold Devizes Castle for 3 years

Hec est conventio inter dominum Henricum ducem Norm(annorum) et venerabilem virum Jocel(inum) Sar(esberiensem) episcopum et ecclesiam Sar(esberiensem). Idem comes (*sic*) teneat castrum de Devys(is)[1] usque ad triennium ab hoc Pascha. Ita tamen quod si infra terminum jus suum recuperaverit, tunc per consilium domini Cant(uariensis) archiepiscopi, H(enrici) Wynton(iensis), R(oberti) Bathon(iensis), H(ilarii) Cicestr(ensis) episcoporum

[1] *C.* Divises

reddet idem castrum. Q(uod) si jus suum infra predictum terminum non recuperaverit, tunc per consilium eorum in fine ipsius termini castrum idem restituet Sar(esberiensi) ecclesie et episcopo. Et si aliquis istorum episcoporum interim decesserit, per consilium suprascriptum[1] restit(uti)o castri fiet cum burgo cum parco et militibus omnibus ad ecclesiam Sar(esberiensem) pertinentibus. Et de Petro milite de Lavynton(a)[2] restituendo sequetur consilium eorumdem episcoporum. Interim vero de burgo reddet comes (*sic*) quantum burgum solebat reddere R(ogero) Saresberiensi episcopo. Et per hoc terminum habebit ecclesia Sar(esberiensis) omnes terras suas quietas a regalibus consuetudinibus omnibus tallagiis operationibus et exactionibus et omnibus rebus salva comiti (*sic*) justitia debita sibi de corporibus hominum sive acceptione pecunie. Pro dampnis vero ab ipso comite (*sic*) et hominibus suis Sar(esberiensi) episcopo usque ad hoc tempus illatis, infra hoc terminum dabit comes (*sic*) x libr(atas) terre ecclesie Sar(esberiensi) pleno et perpetuo jure possidendas quam citius poterit cum voluntate episcopi, et alias x libratas terre dabit eidem ecclesie quam cito jus suum recuperaverit sibi jure possidendas. Hanc supradictam conventionem et pacem episcopi et clericorum et hominum suorum de corporibus suis affidavit idem comes (*sic*) in manu domini Cant(uariensis) archiepiscopi Anglorum primatis et apostolice sedis legati sine malo ingenio tenendam, et cum eo com(es) Glouc(estrie) W(illelmus), comes Cornub(ie) Reg(inaldus),[3] comes Pat(ri)c(ius), Joh(anne)s mares(callus), Rob(ertu)s de Dunstanvill(a), Will(elmu)s fil(ius) Hamonis. Similiter et dominus episcopus Sar(esberiensis) affidavit in manu ejusdem legati quod hanc conventionem sicut carta ipsa testatur, quatenus ad eam spectat, sine malo ingenio ex sua parte servabit comiti (*sic*) et hominibus suis. Archiepis(copus) vero, si quis eorum ab hac conventione resiliret, concessit quod eum justitia canonica cohercet.[4] Facta est autem hec carta per[5] manum domini Theob(aldi) Cant(uariensis) archiepiscopi Anglorum primatis et apostolice sedis legati, firmata in presentia episcoporum H(enrici) Wynt(oniensis), R(oberti) Bath(oniensis), et Hill(arii) Cic(estrensis), anno ab incarnatione domini M° C° LIJ°, indictione xv, v Idibus Aprilis, ad vad(um) de Stocbrigg(e).

[1] *C.* suprascriptorum [2] *C.* Laventona [3] *MSS.* Rog(er)o
[4] *C* justitiam canonicam cohercetur [5] *C* et per

MSS.: London, Inner Temple. * Petyt MS. 511. 18, f. 7ᵛ; Salisbury Dioc. Reg., Lib. B., no. 20, Reg. Rub., no. 20; Salisbury D. and C., Lib. C., no. 48.

Printed: *Sarum Charters*, p. 22; Waylen, *Devizes*, p. 69 (trans.).

Date: The beginning of the year was Easter, which fell on 30 Mar. 1152 and 19 Apr. 1153. Duke Henry was in England in 1153 but not in 1152.

797. Sallay Abbey (Aug. 1154, at York)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Ebora(ci)scire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie[1] de Salleya et Benedicto abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam donationem quam Willelmus de Percy eis fecit de Sallea et Dudeland et Elfwinestorp et Crocum et servitium de Steintona. Preterea confirmo eis donationem illam quam Normannus filius Uctredi eis fecit de una carucata terre in Rimimtona[2] et illam donationem quam Robertus dapifer ejus eis fecit in Illeclea et quam Henricus de Laci eis fecit de landis que jacent contra abbatiam suam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod supradicta ecclesia et monachi ibidem deo servientes[3] hec supradicta omnia bene et in pace et libere habeant et teneant in perpetuam elemosinam sicut Willelmus de Perci et Henricus de Laci eis illa dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt et libera et soluta[4] et quieta de omni seculari servitio et exactione. Testibus Hug(one) ep(iscop)o Dunelm(ensi), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Hugo(ne) de Essartis. Apud Eboracum.

[1] *MS. 8 omits* Sancte Marie [2] *MS. 8 Riminintona* [3] *MS. 8* servientibus [4] *MS. 8 omits* et soluta

MSS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dodsworth MS. 155, f. 15, and MS. 8, f. 3; Manchester Public Library, Towneley MS. 6, pp. 697–8.

Printed: *Monast.* v. 515; *E.Y.C.* xi. 29; J. McNulty, *The Chartulary of the Cistercian Abbey of St. Mary of Sallay in Craven* (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Record Series, lxxxvii (1933), i. 35).

Date: Hugh du Puiset was consecrated Bishop of Durham, 20 Dec. 1153. Stephen is known to have been at York about Aug. 1154.

798. Sallay Abbey (1148–52)

General peace and protection

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus suis et sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus et amicis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me cepisse in pacem et defensionem meam abbatem et monachos de monte Sancte Andree Salaie sicut proprios monachos et fratres meos pro anima patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, et pro statu regni mei et salute anime mee et uxoris mee et filii mei Eustachii et omnium amicorum. Ideoque volo et firmiter precipio quod nullus hominum meorum eis aut rebus suis injuriam vel contumeliam sive molestiam super meum plenarium forisfactum faciat nec facere permittat. Super omnes fideles mei manuteneant predictos fratres et omnes res suas et omnes homines qui in pace dei et illorum sunt, sicut me diligunt et amicitiam meam. Precipio ut predicti fratres et omnes sui habeant meam firmam pacem per totam terram meam, eundo et redeundo, et si quid emerint vel vendiderint sint[1] quieti de omni tolneo et de omni consuetudine.

[1] *MS.* sicut

MS.: Manchester Public Library, Towneley MS. 6, p. 698.
Printed: *McNulty, *Sallay Cartulary*, i. 35.
Date: The abbey was founded 1 Jan. 1148 (*Sallay Cartulary*, i. 1). Apparently before the death of the queen (1152).

799. Saumur, Abbey of S. Florent de (soon after 1 Jan. 1152, at Angers)

Duke Henry restores the land of Molli *and dead wood in* Valeya

Notum sit omnibus fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum reddidi Math(e)o abbati Sancti Floren(tii) et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus terram de Molli ita liberam et quietam sicut erat quando pater meus Gaufridus comes Andeg(avorum) eam cepit ad opus suum. Item reddidi eis mortuum boscum in Valeia, et prepositus meus de Bellefort(i) debet habere propter hoc in abbatia Sancti Floren(tii) unum modium frumenti Salmurensem; et procurabitur in abbatia in vigilia festivitatis Sancti Florent(ii), et in die, de tribus ferculis cum quattuor equis et viii hominibus; habet etiam mittendo n(un)tium suum in Pasc[h]a xiiii micas et duas summas vini, et tres solidos et dimidium ad carnem. Testibus Barth(ol)omeo[1] abbate Sancti Nicholai, Josleno de Turon(is), Gaufrido de Cleer(iis), Hugone de Cleer(iis), Emer(ico)[2] de Trev(er)iis, Pipino de Turon(is), Briencio de Martiniaco. Apud Andegavim.

[1] *Lib. Rubeus* Nicholao (*in error*) [2] *Lib. Rubeus* Liuer

MSS.: Angers, Archives du Maine-et-Loire (original, among 'chartes originales du livre noir de S. Florent', photographed by Delisle who reported it to have a seal in red wax 'sure une courroie blanche'). Copies in Paris, Arch. Nat., J. 178, Angers, no. 60 (copie authentique de novembre 1320); Angers, Archives du Maine-et-Loire, H. non côtés, Livre Rouge de S. Florent, f. 23^{v}, and Livre d'Argent de S. Florent, f. 52^{v}.
Printed: *Delisle–Berger, no. 27*; Teulet, *Layettes du Trésor*, i. 73 (no. 137) (abstract); *C.D.F.*, no. 1155 (abstract).
Date: After Henry became Count of Anjou, before he was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was in France. On 1 Jan. 1152 Enjubaud Archbishop of Tours heard complaints from the Abbot of St. Florent about his abbey's losses. One of the losses was the dead wood in Valeia, and it was rectified by him in the presence of Duke Henry at Baugé (Delisle–Berger, *Actes de Henri II*, no. 22*).

800. Savigny Abbey (probably 1136, at Gillingham)

Grant of the church of Buckfastleigh (Devon) as an abbey

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) W(illelmo) ep(iscop)o Exon(iensi) sal(utem). Sciatis quia dedi et concessi abbati de Saviniaco ecclesiam de Bucfesten cum terris et omnibus rebus ei pertinentibus ad ponendum in ea abb(at)em secundum ordinem suum, et conventum. Quare mando tibi et volo ut de his que tibi pertinent eum benigne saisias et in pace et honorifice ten(er)e facias, quia hoc facio pro servitio dei et profectu ipsius ecclesie. T(estibus)

H(enrico) ep(iscop)o Wint(oniensi), et R(ogero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi). Apud Gilling-(ham).

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *K. 23, no. 6[5] (original, 7¼″ × 2¼″, apparently written in the hand of *scriptor* xiii; stub of tongue remains, seal missing). Copy in Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin, N.A. 1022, p. 647 (copy by Delisle).
Printed: A. Staerk, in *Monumenta Balfestriana* (Tournai, 1914), ii. 8 and pl. ii (facs.); *C.D.F.*, no. 800 (cal.); and C. Auvry, *Histoire de la Congrégation de Savigny*, ed. A. Laveille, ii. 236 (abstract and wrongly); Tardif, *Monuments historiques*, p. 248, no. 449.
Date: Necessarily before Stephen went to Normandy in March 1137, because he did not return until after the death of Wm. Warelwast Bishop of Exeter (d. 27 Sept. 1137). Cf. **818** which suggests that the charter was given at Gillingham, Dorset (*not* Kent) on the way to or from the siege of Exeter.

801. Savigny Abbey (1135–43, at London)

Freedom from tolls etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Volo et precipio quod omnes proprie res monacorum et abbatis de Savinneio, quas homines eorum poterunt affidare esse suas proprias, sint quiete ab omni theloneo et consuetudine et passagio et lestagio. Et nullus super hoc inde disturbet homines vel res eorum super x libras forisfacture. T(este) W(illelmo) Mart(el). Ap(u)d Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *K. 23, no. 23[7] (original 6½″ × 2¼″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi; tongue broken, seal missing). Copy by Delisle in Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 645.
Printed: Tardif, *Monuments historiques*, p. 279, no. 537; *C.D.F.*, no. 804 (cal.).
Date: The Abbot of Savigny could hardly have sought this charter after 1143, since he and his abbey (and most of Normandy) were by then in the power of the Angevins.

802. Savigny Abbey (*c.* 1138, at London)

Confirmation of a grant by James de S. Hilaire [du Harcouët] of land at Field Dalling (Norf.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Norwicensi et comitibus et justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Norfolc(ie) et Sudfolc(ie) salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Jacobus de Sancto Hylario fecit deo et ecclesie de Saviniaco et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de x libratas (*sic*) terre de Dallingis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi teneant et in perpetuum possideant has predictas x libratas terre cum omnibus eisdem pertinentibus bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus sicut Jacobus predictus illas eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Guillelmo Mart(el), et R(icardo) de Luceio. Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: (Original destroyed with Archives de la Manche at St. Lô, 1944); Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 1022, p. 641 (Delisle's copy from the destroyed cartulary where it figured twice as nos. 538 and 572).
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 802 (cal.).
Date: The charter of James de S. Hilaire himself was given at Mortain in 1138 and the third year of King Stephen. It would probably have been confirmed by Stephen soon afterwards.

803. Savigny Abbey (1138–43, at York)

Grant of Furness Abbey (Lancs.) to Savigny

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus et omnibus prelatis et fidelibus sancte ecclesie salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam abbatie de Saviniaco et monachis ibidem deo servientibus abbatiam de Furneis cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Testibus Willelmo comite Ebor(aci), et Roberto de Ver, et Ricardo de Curci. Apud Eboracum.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 649 (Delisle's copy from the destroyed cartulary, where it was no. 541).
Printed: *Journ. Brit. Arch. Ass.* vi. 420; *C.D.F.*, no. 804 (cal.).
Date: Wm. d'Aumale was created Earl of York in, or soon after, Aug. 1138. Stephen (who was the founder of Furness) was hardly likely to re-confirm it to Savigny after he had lost that part of Normandy in 1143. The Savignac order was merged in that of Cîteaux in 1147.

804. Savigny Abbey (Aug. 1138–Jan. 1141)

Note of a confirmation by King Stephen of the alms given by Earl Robert de Ferrers in Potterspury (Northants.)

De elemosina comitis Roberti de Ferrar(iis) in Peri, carta Stephani regis.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 488, no. 551 (transcript by Delisle from the destroyed cartulary).

Date: The charter of Earl Robert de Ferrers himself (*C.D.F.*, no. 806) was given at Northampton, and includes among its witnesses William fitz Herbert who was elected (though not consecrated) Archbishop of York in Jan. 1141. Robert de Ferrers was created earl after the battle of the Standard in Aug. 1138.

805. Savigny Abbey (1135–9, at Falaise)

The empress protects the monks' forge

M(athildis) imperatrix[1] regis H(enrici) filia f[orestario] de Tenchebrai salutem. Mando tibi et precor te atque precipio quod permittas senioribus de Savigneio habere et tenere suam fabricam et alia omnia que ad eos pertinent de elemosina predecessoris mei regis H(enrici) ita libere et quiete sicut ea habuerunt et tenuerunt tempore ipsius regis. Si autem forestarii vel aliquis alius famulos eorum in quoquam forte molestaverint et inquietaverint, fac inde tractari causam juste per homines legales ipsius ville, ita ne amplius inde clamorem audiam pro recti penuria. Si vero alius aliquis injuriam eis in aliquo fecerit, manuteneas eos ubique et protegas sicut nostrum dominicum quod habemus protegere ut nostram elemosinam. Teste Roberto de Curceio. Apud Falesiam.

[1] *MS.* imperatricis

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 655 (Delisle's copy of no. 280 in the destroyed cartulary).

Printed: C. Auvry, *Hist. de la Congr. de Savigny*, ed. A. Laveille, ii. 267 (abstract).

Date: After the death of Henry I, and at a time when Matilda was claiming the duchy herself (since she calls Henry I her predecessor); also before she took the title of *Domina Anglorum* (1141) and therefore before she left Normandy for England in Sept. 1139.

806. Savigny Abbey (1150–1, at Montreuil-Bellay)

Count Geoffrey of Anjou announces that Philip Bishop of Bayeux has quitclaimed the land of Escures sur Favières (Calvados) to the monks of Savigny

H(ugoni) dei gratia Rothom(agensi) archiepiscopo totique capitulo Roth(omagensis) ecclesie, G(aufridus) Andeg(avorum) comes salutem et dilectionem. Notum sit vobis atque omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod Philip(pus) Baioc(ensis) episcopus in pace dimisit et quietam clamavit terram de Escuris quam ipse adversum monachos Saviniacenses calumpniabatur et quam monachi in tempore regis H(enrici) et duorum Baioc(ensium) episcoporum predecessorum ejus libere et quiete tenuerant. Illam autem terram dimisit eis quietam et liberam ipse Ph(ilippus) Baioc(ensis) episcopus in presentia Guill(elmi) Cenom(anensis) episcopi et mea aput Cenom(anum), presente Raginaldo de S(anc)to Wal(er)ico et Guid(one) de Sabl(eio) et Gofferio de Brueria atque plurimis aliis. Quare vobis mando ac vos diligenter deprecor ut si Baioc(ensis) episcopus vel aliquis alius super hoc reclamare aut terram calu(m)pniari presumeret, monachi prefati vestram protectionem atque adjutorium inde haberent. T(estibus) Gaufr(ido) de Claris vallibus, et (Guill)elmo de Botevilla, et magist(ro) Hug(one)decano Sancti Martini. Ap(ud) Mosterol(ium).

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *L. 969 (no. 399) (original, $6\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3\frac{5}{8}''$, with fold and tag for seal; seal missing); copy by Delisle is Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 651.

Printed: Haskins, 147 n.; *C.D.F.*, no. 809 (cal.).

Date: After Geoffrey had ceased to be Duke of Normandy, and during the siege of Montreuil-Bellay. Confirmed by Philip Bishop of Bayeux in Nov. 1151.

807. Savigny Abbey (1144–50, at Argentan)

Duke Geoffrey grants freedom from tolls etc., and general protection

G(aufridus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis et ministris totius Normannie et Cenomannie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium abbatis de Savign(eio) et monachorum suorum et abbatum qui sunt de

obedientia Savign(eii) et omnes res quas ministri sui affidare poterunt esse suas sint quiete de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine ubicunque venerint, et prohibeo ne ullus eos super hac re disturbet super decem libras forisfacture. Precipio etiam quod monachi Savigneii totam terram suam et homines et omnes res suas in firma pace teneant, et non inde placitent, quia terra et omnes res eorum in mea custodia et defensione sunt, et nolo quod aliquis eis inde contumeliam faciat, neque de aliqua re eos inquietare presumat. Teste (*sic*) Guidone de Sab(leio) et Alexandro de Bohun. Apud Argentomagum.

MS.: St. Lô, Archives du Manche, *fonds* Savigny; copy of 1237 under the seal of Wm. Bishop of Avranches; destroyed in 1944.
Printed: *Haskins, 142.
Date: While Geoffrey was duke, and presumably on same occasion as **808**.

808. Savigny Abbey (1144–50, at Argentan)

Duke Geoffrey confirms the church of Dompierre and the church and domus dei *of Fresnay-la-mère (Orne)*

G(aufridus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus baronibus suis et ministris tam de Cenomannia quam de Normannia salutem. Notum sit catholice ecclesie me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Savigneio et Serloni ejusdem ecclesie abbati et toti conventui monachorum ejusdem abbatie ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Do(m)napetra et ecclesiam Sancti Alvei et domum d(ei) de Fraisneia cum omnibus jure et rite eis pertinentibus. Que omnia Henric(us) venerabilis rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum pro salute anime sue et prolis sue et amicorum suorum dono Vitali abbati ejusdem ecclesie priori fundatori et conventui monachorum donavit et concessit, et ut ea ab omni consuetudine libera et quieta inperhenni possessione tenerent precepit, et ego similiter concedo. Et ipsa vero ecclesia Savigneiensis hec predicta honorifice et ab omni consuetudine libera et quieta teneat, ita ut nullus audeat vel inquietare vel diripere sive violare, sed omnia sicut meum dominium sint in pace et quieta de pasnagio et omni consuetudine. Teste Guidone de Sabl(eio), et Alexand(ro) de Bohu(n). Apud Argenthom(um).

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *L. 969 (no. 379) (pretended original, 7⅝″ × 5½″ in an unidentified hand, with fold and slits for tag; tag and seal missing). Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 653 (copy from destroyed cartulary, by Delisle).
Printed: Auvry, *Histoire de la Congrégation de Savigny*, ed. A. Laveille, iii. 38 (abstract); *C.D.F.*, no. 812 (abstract).
Date: As for **807**.

809. Savigny Abbey (Jan.–Sept. 1151, at Mortain)

Duke Henry grants lands in the forest of Passeis near Dompierre and at Fresnay

Henricus dux Normannorum archiepiscopo Rothomagensi et episcopo Cenomannensi et comitibus et baronibus et justiciis et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse monasterio Sancte Trinitatis de Savigneio et Serloni abbati et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam in foresta de Passeio juxta Domnumpetrum totam terram que est inter haiam de Colinont et viam de Gorram et inter le divet de Goles et le divet Guarrin. Et juxta eamdem forestam apud Fraisnusiam totam terram que est inter ipsa(m) Fraisnusiam et forestam. Et ista predicta loca, scilicet Domnumpetrum et Fraisnusiam que rex Henricus avus meus eis prius dederat, do eis et concedo in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus appendiciis suis. Ideoque mando et firmiter precipio quod fratres predicti monasterii omnia prememorata habeant honorifice quiete et libere ab omni consuetudine et servitio. Hoc autem donum factum est anno ab incarnatione domini M°C°L°I. Teste Alexandro de Bohun, Petro de Sancto Hylario, Garin filio Geroldi, Guillelmo filio Hamon(is), Hugone Ruffo, Henrico de Domnifronte, Guillelmo Especheil, Roberto Mansello, Gervasio de Chanceio, Carpentario de Sancto Hylario, Radulfo de Sancto Georgio, Roberto de Henceio. Apud Moritonium.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 657. (Delisle's transcript from no. 409 in the destroyed cartulary.)
Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 17*.
Date: As given in text, and before Henry was Count of Anjou.

810. Savigny Abbey (Nov. 1151, at Bayeux)

Duke Henry gives general protection

Henricus dei gratia dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius terre sue salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et salute anime mee et anime patris ac matris mee et fratrum meorum et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum atque omnium fidelium christianorum assumpsisse ac firmiter retinuisse in manu et custodia ac defensione mea sicut propriam abbatiam et dominicam elemosinam meam abbatiam Sancte Trinitatis Sancteque Marie de Savigneio et abbatem et monachos et conversos et eorum famulos et omnes terras et omnes possessiones et omnes res ad ipsam abbatiam pertinentes ubicumque sint et de cujuscumque dono sint in tota terra mea. Et ideo precipio ac firmiter constituo quatinus ipsa abbatia et omnes res ad ipsam pertinentes habeant firmam pacem et perfectam libertatem et omnem quietantiam per totam terram meam, in mari et in terra, in bosco et in plano, ab omni consuetudine et servitio et exactione sicut elemosine deo dedicate. Hec autem mea constitutio ac confirmatio facta est anno ab incarnatione Domini M°C° quinquagesimo I°, anno scilicet ducatus mei Normannie II°, anno vero comitatus mei Andegavie I°, mense Novembri, apud Baiocas. Teste Philippo Baiocensi episcopo, et Ricardo decano, et Mauricio de Sigillo, et Herberto capellano, et Guillelmo filio Hamonis, et Guillelmo de Paceio, et G[uidone][1] de Sabluil, et Jordano Taisson, et Guillelmo Patricio, et Petro de Sancto Hylario, et Gisleberto de Saieio, et Ricardo de Homez, et Johanne de Soligneio, et Garino filio Giroudi, et Rogerio de Goviz et Guillelmo filio ejus, et Rogerio Malfillastre, et Guillelmo de Curceio, et Roberto de Sancto Remigio, et Ricardo et Johanne fratribus ejus, et multis aliis.

[1] *MS.* Gaufrido

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022. (Delisle's transcript from no. 565 of the destroyed cartulary.)

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 20*; *C.D.F.*, no. 820 (cal.); C. Auvry, *Hist. de la Congr. de Savigny*, ed. Laveille, iii. 52 (abstract).

811. Savigny Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Château-du-Loir)

Duke Henry gives protection

Henricus dux Normannorum et comes Andeg(avorum) justiciis et omnibus hominibus suis totius terre sue salutem. Sciatis me accepisse in manu et protectione mea abbatiam Savigneii cum omnibus hominibus suis et terris atque substanciis. Et ideo volo et precipio ut sint in pace et quiete ab omni querela et servitio et exactione. Si quis autem huic precepto meo visis his literis contraire presumpserit, decem librarum forisfacto subjacebit. Testibus Guidone de Sablolio, atque Manassero Biset, et Johanne de Soligneio. Apud Castrum Liddi.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 661. (Delisle's transcript from no. 564 the in destroyed cartulary.)

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 31*.

Date. While Henry was Count of Anjou and in France, and before he was Duke of Aquitaine.

812. Savigny Abbey (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153, at Domfront)

Duke Henry gives judgement in a lawsuit between the abbey and Robert fitz Ralph

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) justiciis suis Normannie salutem. Sciatis abbatem et monachos de Savigneio disrationavisse in curia mea apud Domnifrontem, me presente, terram et decimam de quibus inter eos et Robertum filium Radulfi erat dissensio. Ideoque mando et firmiter precipio quod habeant illa et teneant in bono et in pace et juste sicut illi in curia mea hoc disrationaverunt. Testibus Willelmo filio Hamonis, et Petro de Sancto Ilario. Apud Domnifrontem.

MSS.: Paris, Arch. Nat., *L. 968 (original with tongue but no seal); Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 663. (Delisle's transcript from the destroyed cartulary.)

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 32* (from the original).

Date. Before Henry was Duke of Aquitaine, and while he was Count of Anjou and in France.

813. Savigny Abbey (*c.* 7 Dec. 1154, at Barfleur)

Further writ of protection, and freedom from impleadings by Duke Henry

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitan[orum][1] et comes And(egavorum) omnibus justiciis et baronibus suis Norm(annie) et Passeis salutem. Sciatis me recepisse et retinuisse in protectione et manu mea propria abbatiam de Savigneio cum hominibus et possessionibus et omnibus pertinentiis suis, me etiam deo fideliter promisisse et vovisse quod eandem abbatiam et omnia sua, ubicunque in mea potestate sint, defendam et in pace et quiete et libertate custodiam. Mando itaque vobis et firmiter precipio quatinus ipsam abbatiam et monachos et homines et omnes res ad eam pertinentes sicut res meas dominicas ab omni molestia et inquietudine et injuria tueamini et defendatis. Precipio etiam et prohibeo ne aliquo modo patiamini predicte abbatie monachos vel homines suos in placitum vel querelam mitti de re aliqua unde fuerunt saisiti die illo quo in Angliam transfretavi. Quod si aliquis super hoc meum preceptum illos inquietare vel quolibet modo molestare presumpserit, tunc vobis mando, et, sicut me et mandatum meum diligitis, precipio, ut tam propere tam plenarie de eo justiciam faciatis, sicut in me aut res mei dominii ipsam contumeliam faceret. Teste Guillelmo filio Ham(onis). Apud Barbefluctum.

[1] *MS.* Aquitanie

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin N.A. 1022, p. 665. (Delisle's transcript from the destroyed cartulary, no. 563.)

Printed: Delisle–Berger, no. 82*; *C.D.F.*, no. 821 (cal.).

Date: After Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in Normandy and, to judge from the text, on his embarkation for England at Barfleur on 7 Dec. 1154.

814. Sawtry Abbey (1147–53, at Northampton)

Confirmation of the gift by Ilbert de Carencin of lands in Gamlingay (*Cambs.*)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Notum sit universis tam presentibus quam futuris pro salute anime mee et anima Matildis regine uxoris mee et anima Eustachii filii mei me concessisse et carta mea confirmasse donationem illam quam Ilbertus de Carencin fecit deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Sall(er)eia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de terra que fuit Radulfi Lafaited in Gamelingeia quam Walchelino marescallo meo pro servitio suo dedi, et de sexies wiginti acris terre in Sacresdena de dominio, et communem pasturam ejusdem wille; et preterea sciatis me dedisse eis in elemosinam centum acras de brueria. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut monachi illi supradictas teneuras bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam ab omni seculari servitio et exactione, sicut Ilbertus de Carencin illam eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Teste Willelmo Comite de Albamarlia, et Comite Simone, et Balduino filio Gileb(erti), et Waltero filio Roberti. Apud Norha(m)t(onam).

MS.: B.M. *Harley Charter 83. A. 24 (pretended original, 9 $\frac{3}{10}$″ × 5″, written in the hand of an unidentified scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 381) with leather tag passed through slits for the seal, of which there survives a fragment in white wax varnished red showing the letter RE of 'rex'. The fragment is so small that certainty is impossible but the 2 letters seen resemble those of the second seal.)

Printed: *New Palaeog. Soc. Facs.*, Series ii, plate 21 (b).

Date: Sawtry was founded 3 July 1147. Earl Simon d. Aug. 1153. If the *pro anima* clause were taken literally, the charter would have to be after the deaths, not only of Queen Matilda (3 May 1152) but also of Eustace (17 Aug. 1153). This would give very close limits of date (Aug. 1153), but the formula is not entirely reliable, and in this case depends on the scribe having written *anima* correctly and not as a mistake for *anime*. As the charter in its present form seems to be a thirteenth-century forgery (to judge by the capital W's), it is impossible to rely on the formulae.

Queen Matilda, Stephen's wife, had pawned Gamlingay to Gervase of Cornhill in June–Dec. 1141 (see **243**).

815. Sées, Abbey of S. Martin (1144–50)

Duke Geoffrey grants exemption from tolls etc.

Goffridus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavensium omnibus dapiferis et prepositis villicis et servientibus suis salutem. De his que pertinent ad proprium victum et vestitum

monachorum Sancti Martini de Sagio, et serviens eorumdem monachorum proprium esse eorum affiducare poterit, nullum inde capiatis teloneum aut pedagium aut consuetudinem aliquam minimam vel magnam. Quod si feceritis, meum incurretis odium et cum sexaginta solidis reddetis.

MSS.: Sées, Livre Rouge; Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Français 18953, pp. 37, 222 (from the above).
Printed: *Haskins, 141, no. 9.

816. Selby Abbey (1136–54, at York)

Confirmation of liberties and free customs

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Ebor(ac)escira salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Germani de Seleby et abbas et monachi ibidem deo servientes habeant omnes libertates suas et suas liberas consuetudines in teloneo et passagio et terris et molendinis et in omnibus possessionibus suis in burgis et extra burgum et in omnibus rebus et locis ita bene et in pace et honorifice sicut melius et liberius habuerunt tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei et meo postea, ne super hoc aliquis eis injuriam vel contumeliam inde faciat, quia nulli warantizare volo qui eis inde detrimentum fecerit vel eos infestaverit. Teste Roberto de Ver. Apud Ebor(acum).

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 37771, ff. 16 (with witness), and 12 (without).
Printed: J. T. Fowler, *The Coucher Book of Selby* (Yorks. Arch. Soc., Record Series, (1891–3), i. 31; *E.Y.C.*, no. 479.

817. Selby Abbey (1154, at the siege of Drax)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciariis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me confirmasse hac mea presenti carta ecclesie Sancti Germani de Saleby et monachis in illa deo servientibus quicquid fundator ejusdem ecclesie venerabilis rex Anglorum Willelmus avus meus illis in elemosinam dedit, scilicet ipsum manerium de Seleby, unam carucatam terre de Sneid et sex bovatas terre de Flaxlei et Rodecliff et dimidiam carucatam terre de Brayton et unam piscariam Witegift; et preterea terras a Thoma archiepiscopo eis datas, scilicet Fristonam et Salebiam minorem; et preterea Crull scilicet unum hundredum in vicecomitatu Lincolnie, et Stanford cum pertinentiis ejus in [vicecomitat]u Hametonie quas eis dederunt Galfr(idus) de la Wirche et Wydo de Rainelcurt; et preterea alias terras suas a quocunque fideli illis datas, scilicet ecclesiam de Stalinburgh cum pertinentiis ejus, et ecclesiam de Redeburna cum pertinentiis ejus, et ecclesiam de Ascheby cum pertinentiis ejus, et ecclesiam de Sneid cum pertinentiis ejus; et Hameltonam quam Ilb(er)tus de Lacy in elemosinam dedit cum pertinentiis ejus, et Gunby cum pertinentiis ejus; et terram de Duffeld et Acastram cum pertinentiis ejus quam Osbertus vicecomes in elemosinam dedit et Rog(er)us de Mulbray postea carta sua confirmavit; et Hillum cum pertinentiis ejus quam secundus Thomas archiepiscopus dedit; et Stayntonam in Cravana quam Hugo filius Everardi in elemosinam dedit; et terram de Chalchefeld quam Hermerus in elemosinam dedit; et unam caracatam terre in Amecotes quam Nigellus de Albeneia ad luminare ecclesie dedit; et terram de Bramhuic et terram de Doncast(ri)a et omnes alias terras suas et tenuras eorum in elemosinam eis datas. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi omnes prescriptas tenuras suas bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice teneant, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et piscariis, in stagnis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, in civitate et extra et omnibus in locis cum soca et saca toll et theam et infangentheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et in perpetuam elemosinam solutam et quietam de omni seculari exactione et servitio sicut prefatus Willelmus rex Anglorum eas illis carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Hugon(e) ep(iscop)o Dunelm(ensi), et Rob(er)to ep(iscop)o Lincoln(iensi), et Ric(ard)o de Luci, et Ric(ard)o de Canevill(a). Apud Dracas in obsidione.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 37771, f. 9v.

Printed: J. T. Fowler, *Selby Coucher Book*, i. 7; *E.Y.C.*, no. 480.

Date: Necessarily after Hugh du Puiset became Bishop of Durham (20 Dec. 1153); it follows that the siege of Drax must be the one mentioned by William of Newburgh (Bk. i, ch. xxxii) caused by the revolt of Philip de Colevill when he refused to burn his own (adulterine) castle of Drax. Drax is SE. of Selby.

818. Shaftesbury Abbey (22 Mar.–22 Dec. 1136, at Gillingham, Dorset)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego propter justiciam et amorem concedo et reddo deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Adwardi de Sceftesberia in dominio deinceps libere possidendas terras illas omnes quas in presentia regis Henrici et baronum suorum Emma abbatissa disrationavit apud Elingas, sicut carta ipsius testatur, videlicet: Contra Hardingum filium Haluoldi in Stoka v hidas de dominio que fuerunt ecclesie Sancti Edwardi. Contra Thoma(m) cognatum Eulalie abbatisse in Stoka i hidam de dominio;[1] in Bregelstuna unam hidam et unam virgatam de dominio; in Ferna duas hidas de dominio; in Ethelworda unam hidam et dimidiam; in Esgrave unam hidam de dominio. Contra Turstinum filium Rainfridi et fratres ejus, in Chelmetuna unam hidam que fuit data cum filia Serlonis de Burceto; in Gerdiz duas hidas de dominio que fuerunt date cum quadam monacha Aileva nomine; in Brudeserda duas hidas de dominio; in Tarenta unam hidam de dominio que fuit data cum filia Garmundi; in Dunhiveda unum molendinum de dominio. Contra Picotum de Burgat(a); in Liddentun v hidas de dominio que fuit data cum filia Garmundi. Contra Rogerum Waspail, iii hidas que fuerunt de dominio in Hecche. Contra Aluredum de Foxlegh(a) unam hidam et iii virgatas que fuerunt date cum filia Rogerii de Berkelao. Contra uxorem Willelmi de Cheselburnia et filiam ejus dimidiam hidam de dominio; in Sulfhamtuna v virgatas que fuerunt date cum filia Alure (*sic*) pincerne. Concedo quoque eis in Forstesb(er)ia ii hidas quas dedit Goscelinus de Rivera cum filia sua; in Ilanda ii hidas quas [dedit] Drogo de Monte Acuto cum filia sua; in Bleneforda i hidam et dimidiam quam dedit Aiulfus camerarius pro anima uxoris sue; in Bradeforda et Budeberia unam hidam et dimidiam quam emit Emma abbatissa de Sacono et filiis suis; in Bremelegh unam virgatam quam dedit Duncanus cum filia; et ecclesiam Toritone cum terra adjacente ecclesie et decimis; et parvam Weram quam dedit Odo filius Gamelini cum duabus filiis suis; et decimam de dominio de Ricardo de Sancto Claro de Wertham quam dedit ipse cum filia sua; et monasterium de Ryvelea cum terra et decima quas Ernaldus de Hesdingo dedit cum quadam sua cognata. Hec itaque omnia supradicta que data sunt ecclesie illi et monialibus in ea deo servientibus, queque omnia in futuro a fidelibus canonice concedentur et dabuntur pro salute animarum Willelmi regis avi mei, et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum, et patrum et parentum meorum, et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei et remissionem (*sic*) peccatorum meorum illi ecclesie imperpetuum obtinenda concedo, et regia auctoritate et a deo mihi collata potestate confirmo, et ut illibata inconcussaque permaneant presentis sigilli mei et subscriptorum testimonio corroboro. Testibus Hugone archiepiscopo Roth(omagensi), et H(enrico) episcopo Winton(iensi), et Rogero episcopo Saresb(eriensi), et Algaro episcopo Const(anciensi), et B(ernardo) episcopo Sancti David, et A(delulfo) episcopo Carl(eolensi), et Ro(gero) canc(ellario), et Henrico de Soilli nepote regis, et R(oberto) comite Gloec(estrie), et Willelmo comite War[enne],[2] et Rogero comite Warewic, et R(anulfo) comite Cestrie, et A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) de Ver, et Humfri(do) de Buh(un), et M(ilone) de Gloec(estria), et Warin(o) vicecomite, et Johanne de Marum̄ (*sic*). Apud Gillingeham anno ab incarnatione domini M°CXXXV°, regni vero mei primo, in Christo renovata per cartam Henrici regis predecessoris et avunculi mei.

[1] *MS. repeats* i hidam de dominio [2] *MS.* Wartuna

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 61, f. 24.

Printed: *Monast.* ii. 482.

Date: Not 1135, which is clearly a scribal error, but after 22 Mar. 1136 when Robert Earl of Gloucester recognized Stephen, and before the end of the first year of the reign (1/22 Dec. 1136). Many of the witnesses were at the siege of Exeter (see **800** and **952**), so the charter was probably given at the Dorset Gillingham. Cf. Henry I's charter, *Regesta*, ii. 1347.

819. Shrewsbury Abbey (Dec. 1138–June 1139)

Notice of a charter of general confirmation by King Stephen, at the end of a long narrative of benefactions

Rogatus autem rex Stephanus ut confirmaret omnia suprascripta dixit, 'Cum avunculus meus rex Henricus baronum suorum prece ista confirmaret, presens aderam et testis advocatus fui et eum omnia concedere et confirmare audivi et vidi que comes Hugo concesserat, et eadem verba dicere que predictus comes dixit quando ecclesie Sancti Petri libertatem constituit, videlicet quod tam liberum ipsius ecclesie honorem constituebat ut nullus post eum aliquid libertatis vel quietis addere posset. Et ideo ego pro salute anime mee et pro pace regni mei concedo et confirmo omnia suprascripta, et eandem libertatem et quietem quam ecclesie Sancti Petri comes Hugo dedit et rex Henricus confirmavit ego quoque concedo et confirmo et ita liberam et quietam ipsam ecclesiam constituo ut nullus sit qui post me aliquid libertatis vel quietis addere possit. Qui vero aliquid ex hiis minuere presumpserit eterno anathemate puniatur.

✠ Ego Stephanus rex confirmavi et subscripsi

✠ Ego Henricus Wyntoniensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Rog(er)us Salesberiensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Nigellus Heliensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Rob(er)tus H(er)efordensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Seifridus Cicestrensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Ric(ard)us Abrincacensis eps. subscripsi
✠ Ego Gervasius abbas Westmon(asteriensis) subscripsi.
✠ Ego Galfridus abbas S(anc)ti Albani subscripsi
✠ Ego Rog(er)us cancellarius subscripsi
✠ Ego Rannulphus comes Cestr(ie) subscripsi
✠ Ego Will(elmu)s comes Warenne subscripsi
✠ Ego Will(elmu)s Martel subscripsi
✠ Ego Albricus de Ver subscripsi
✠ Ego Gaufridus de Magnavilla subscripsi.

MSS.: National Library of Wales, *MS. 7851 (Shrewsbury Cart.), p. 263; P.R.O. Pat. R., 3 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 24; B.M. Add. MS. 30311, f. 238 (transcript from MS. 7851).
Printed: *Monast.* iii. 519.
Date: Gervase was consecrated abbot of Westminster on 17 Dec. 1138. Prior to the arrest of the bishops in June 1139. The charter of Henry I referred to is *Regesta*, ii. 1245.

820. Shrewsbury Abbey (*c.* Apr. 1141, at Devizes)

The empress grants Aston (?nr. Wellington), Salop

M(athildis) imperatrix Henrici regis filia Willelmo filio Alani et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Salopessire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse deo et Sancto Petro et monachis Salopesb(erie) pro anima patris mei villam que vocatur Estona, et precipio quatinus eam bene et in pace teneant in plano et in bosco cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent. Et habeant eam eadem libertate qua possident alias terras suas. Testibus Rainaldo comite de Cornubia, Willelmo filio Alani, Roberto de Dunestanvilla, Goc(elino) de Dinan, et pluribus aliis. Apud Div(isas).

MSS.: National Library of Wales, *MS. 7851 (Shrewsbury Cartulary), p. 47; Bodl. Lib., MS. Top. Salop. D. 2, f. 16 (no. 50) (Eyton's transcript from the cartulary); B.M. Add. MS. 30311, f. 45 (transcript from cartulary).
Printed.: Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, ix, 58 (calendared).
Date: The empress took the title *domina Anglorum* from 7 Apr. 1141. This charter should therefore be earlier than that; but it cannot be much earlier since the empress did not capture Devizes till 1141 (G.S. 77). On the other hand it is possible that the scribe who copied the charter into the cartulary may have made an error over the empress's titles. If he is right it looks as if Reginald may have been created Earl of Cornwall slightly earlier than the '*c.* April 1141' which is generally supposed. Cf. 343.

821. Shrewsbury Abbey (? *c.* Apr. 1141, at (?)Devizes)

The empress gives a general confirmation

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum dominia (*sic*) omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Concedo et confirmo et omnia illa que pater

meus H(enricus) confirmavit per cartam suam monachis Sancti Petri Salop(esberie). Et precipio quod nullus eis calumpniam vel inquietudinem vel ponat eas in placitum de his que ibi confirmata sunt per sigillum patris mei. Terras etiam et res que post obitum patris mei eis date sunt confirmo, id est de dono Fulcon(is) vicecomitis Pimelegam. De dono Hamonis Peverelli Chinardeseiam et Slepam et Tunstal et passagium cum piscaria de Sudtona. De dono Wlfrici Poncii unam domum in foro in qua ipse manebat et aliam domum in Biforegata. Escangium vero quod monachi et Walchelinus Maminot fecerunt de Crugeltona pro Optinuna concedente Willelmo Peverel confirmo et precipio ut firmum sit et stabile. Aliud quoque escangium quod factum est tempore patris mei inter monachos et Henricum de Sai de Brantuna et de Longefelda confirmo et precipio ut stabile sit, nec ullus ponat monachos inde in placitum quia pater meus hoc per cartam suam confirmavit. Precipio itaque ut monachi Salopesb(er)ie has predictas terras bene et in pace teneant, et habeant omnes libertates et consuetudines et quietancias quas habent confirmatas per cartam patris mei in aliis suis terris. Ego vero dedi deo et Sancto Petro pro salute mea et parentum meorum villam que vocatur Estona cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, quam volo ut monachi habeant cum eadem libertate qua[1] possident ceteras terras suas. Testibus Runaldo comite de Cornowalia, Willelmo filio Alani, Roberto de Dunesta(n)villa, G(ocelino) de Dinan, et multis aliis.

[1] *MS.* que

MSS.: National Library of Wales, *MS. 7851 (Shrewsbury Cartulary), p. 42; Bodl. Lib., MS. Top. Salop, D. 2, f. 14 (no. 40) (Eyton's abstract from MS. 7851); B.M. Add. MS. 30311, f. 41ᵛ (transcript from the cartulary).
Printed: Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, ix. 58 (calendared).

822. Sibton Abbey (1136–54, and probably late in the period)

Confirmation of William Chesney's grant of his demesne at Sibton (Suff.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo Norwicensi et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Norfolc et de Sudfolc salutem. Sciatis me concessisse illam donationem quam Will(elmu)s filius Rob(er)ti filii Walt(er)i fecit deo et Sancte Marie et monachis de Sybbetona de toto dominio suo de Sybbetona. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi monachi terram illam teneant et habeant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus sicut predictus Willelmus eis illud concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Rob(er)t(o) de V(er), et Rain(aldo) de War(enna), et Will(elmo) filio Ric(ardi), Hug(one) filio Eud(onis). [Apud Sanctum Edmundum.][1]

[1] *Cart. has no place-date, but only etc. Place supplied from Dugdale MS. 11.*

MSS.: *Sibton Cartulary in possession of A. Levett-Scrivener Esq., Sibton Abbey, p. 12; Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 11, f. 75 (abbreviated but with witnesses and place-date), Dugdale MS. 57, f. 37.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 559.
Date: Reginald de Warenne suggests a date after 1147, but not certainly.

***823. Sidney, William de** (Jan.–Aug. 1153 at Bridgnorth)

Duke Henry grants the manor of Sutton

H(enricus) dux Norman(norum) et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus justic(iis) [et] omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et confirmasse Willelmo de Sidne mil(iti)[1] manerium de Sutton(a) cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sibi et heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et de meis heredibus in feodo et hereditate per servitium unius militis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipse Willelmus et heredes sui illud manerium totum habeant et teneant in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneth(eof) et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Testibus T canc(ellario), et R(ogero) com(ite) de Clara, com(ite) Alber(ico), Galfrido filio Petri,

[1] *MS. originally read* Miles; *the last two letters have been deleted*

H(enrico) de Essex const(abulario), Ric(ardo) de Hum(meto) const(abulario), War(ino) fil(io) Ger(oldi) cam(erario), Will(el)mo de Hum(meto) constab(u)larius (*sic*), Mag(iste)r de Alberic(o), Alanus de Hoīr frater abbatis, Herbertus de Agnellis milites (*sic*), Walterus filius Gerardi, Will(el)mus frater ejus, Will(el)mus de Hasting(es), et Philippus et Radulphus fratres ejus. Apud Brugiam.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *Dugdale MS. 39, f. 18, apparently from the original, 'sub magno sigillo Henrici ducis' in the possession (in 1583) of Sir Henry Sidney.

If genuine, this charter could only be dated Jan.–Aug. 1153 when Duke Henry was in England but not yet Duke of Aquitaine. But the charter seems spurious because (1) the address is general; being the grant of one place, it should have been addressed to one shire. (2) The name William de Sidne seems anachronistic. According to Dugdale's MS. he was one of Duke Henry's chamberlains, but he is unknown to Eyton and Delisle. (3) Henry had no chancellor called 'T' till Thomas Becket (1155); but it is just possible that T is a repetition by Dugdale, *Testibus* (written out in full) being the last word of the previous line. (4) Earl Roger de Clare and Henry de Essex not otherwise known as witnesses for Duke Henry as opposed to Stephen. (5) *Alanus de Hoīr frater abbatis*; one would expect to be told which abbot, unless the charter to which the witness belonged concerned an abbot. (6) The change of case in the witness list (though it may just be a slip of Dugdale's) suggests that two witness-lists might have been conflated to make this one.

824. Silly, Abbey of St. Mary de (1148–57, at Rouen)

The empress grants the lands of S. Leonard de Gouffern and a house in the new bourg at Argentan

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia episcopo Sagiensi et vicecomitibus et ballivis suis Argent(omi) et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei et salute anime mee dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Goffer et Drogoni illius loci conditori ceterisque fratribus ibidem deo servientibus et cartha mea confirmasse terras Sancti Leonardi de Gofer in perpetuam elemosinam, quam videlicet ego de abbate Sancti Petri super Divam et conventu loci illius pro x libris emi Andegavensibus, domum quoque Colu(m)belli et terram ejus in novo burgo castri mei Argentomi supradicti loci fratribus in perpetuam dedi elemosinam et carte mee privilegio corroboravi. Unde volo et firmiter precipio quatinus predicti loci fratres terras illas habeant et teneant in bono et pace libere quiete plenarie et pacifice sicut unquam melius liberius et quietius aliqua ecclesia in Normannia suas tenet possessiones. Et prohibeo ne quis eos inde vexare presumat vel aliquis eis injuriam seu contumeliam faciet. Hiis testibus Rot(rodo) episcopo Ebroicensi, Godardo de Vallibus, Roberto filio Ham(er)ic(i), Guillelmo de Ang(er)villa, Laurencio capellano, Roc(elino) filio Clarebald(i), Hugone [medico],[1] Galtero de Genes. Apud Roth(omagum).

[1] *MS.* m(er)ederico, *Round* ederico

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *MS. Latin 11059, f. 24.

Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 679 (cal.).

Date: Before the charter of Henry II (*C.D.F.*, no. 681) which is Jan. 1156–Apr. 1157. After Rotrou became Bishop of Évreux (1139) and while the empress was in Normandy (i.e. after 1148). Also while she held the castle of Falaise.

Round was mistaken in thinking that the original was in the Archives d'Orne, H. 1433.

825. Silly, Abbey of St. Mary de (1158–64, and probably *c.* 1158, at Rouen)

The empress repeats the previous grant with the addition of £10 from her rent from Argentan and £10 from her rent from the forest of Gouffern

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopo Rothomag(ensi) episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Normannie et nominatim illis de Argent(omo) salutem. Sciatis me pro animabus patris mei H(enrici) regis Anglie et matris mee M(athildis)[1] regine et sponsorum meorum H(enrici) imperatoris Alamanni(e) et G(aufridi) ducis Norm(annorum) et comitis Andeg(avorum) et G(aufridi) filii mei, necnon et pro salute mea propria et Henrici regis

[1] *H. 1096* A

Anglie et nostrorum liberorum, dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie de Goffer et domino Drogoni ejusdem loci fundatori et omnibus fratribus ibidem deo servientibus illam vastam terram que est inter magnam forestam et aquam Ure[1] et intra mesos[2] Willelmi et Vadum Arenarii, liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine, et in predicta foresta erbagium et pasnagium ad propria animalia et mortuum boscum ad ardendum et viride ad domos[3] et edificia sua facienda, et vendere et emere in omnibus villis et castellis meis libere et quiete. Et preter hoc dedi eis et concessi de redditu meo Argent(omi) singulis annis decem libras, et de foresta mea de Gouffer[4] singulis annis similiter decem libras de decima. Et si aliquo modo ipsius foreste redditus decrescere contigerit, volo quod inde semper habeant decem libras. Dedi etiam eis et concessi hoc quod habebam in dominio ex utraque parte aque a meso Willelmi usque ad domum Roberti filii Udonis, et usque ad spineta Veizuro ex alia parte aque. Dedi etiam eis et concessi apud Argent(omum) terram et domum Colombelli[5] et terram Sancti Leonardi de Guffer[6] quam ego ipsa[7] emi de monachis Sancti Petri desuper Divam sicut eorum carta testatur. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ita in bono et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice et plenarie in omnibus hec omnia supradicta habeant et teneant sicut aliqui elemosinas suas melius et liberius et quietius et plenarius tenent. Hiis testibus Rot(rodo) episcopo Ebroic(ensi), Willelmo filio meo, Godardo[8] de Vall[ibus],[9] Roberto filio Ham(er)i (*sic*), Roscelino filio Clare(m)b(oldi), Willelmo de Angervilla,[10] Laurencio capellano, Hugone capellano, Eustacio de Scotia, Galterio de Gesneis. Apud Rothomagum.

[1] *i.e. the river Vire* [2] *MS. Latin* metas [3] *MS. Latin* domus [4] *MS. Latin* Guffer
[5] *MS. Latin* Colunbelli [6] *H. 1096 (5) Goffer* [7] *H. 1096* ipsam
[8] *H. 1096* Guardo [9] *H. 1096* Valle [10] *MS. Latin* Argervilla

MSS.: Alençon, Archives de l'Orne, *H. 1096 f. iv and f. 5, and H. 1367 (copies, *c.* 1700 from lost cartularies); Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 11059, f. 24 (cartulary *c.* 1300).
Printed: *C.D.F.*, no. 680 (cal.).
Date: After the death of Matilda's son Geoffrey (1158) and before that of William (1164). Note that Geoffrey (d. 1158) witnessed the charter of Henry II (*C.D.F.*, no. 681) confirming the grant made by the empress in **824**.

826. Silly, Abbey of St. Mary de (1152–60, at Rouen)

The empress grants 2 muids *of wheat and one of barley yearly from her mills of Argentan*

M(athildis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia episcopo Sagiensi justicie vicecomiti ministris ballivis omnibusque fidelibus suis de vicecomitatu de Argent(omo) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancte Marie de Goffer et Drogoni ejusdem loci fundatori ceterisque canonicis ibidem deo servientibus duos modios frumenti et i modium ordei singulis annis de molendinis meis Argent(omi). Quod ut ratum et inconcussum teneatur imperpetuum illis qui modo ibi sunt et deinceps futuris fratribus carte mee et sigilli mei privilegio corroboro. Hiis testibus Herberto episcopo A(b)rin(censi), Willelmo de Angervilla, Stephano de Bellocampo, Eustachio de Scothia, Walterio filio Ernaldi. Apud Roth(omagum).

MSS.: Alençon, Archives de l'Orne, *H. 1096, H. 1359, and H. 1715; Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin 11059, f. 24v.
Date: Herbert Bishop of Avranches 1152–60.

827. Southampton, Abbey of St. Denys (*c.* 28 Nov. 1137, at Portsmouth *in transitu*)

Grant of 20 solidates of land from demesne and 10 solidates of meadow, viz. the meadow of Portswood (*Hants*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Wintoniensi justic(ie) baronibus vic(ecomiti) et preposito Hanton(e) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis de Hantescir(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro salute anime mee et pro redemptione animarum patris et matris mee et Henrici regis avunculi mei et pro salute vivorum et requie omnium fidelium defunctorum deo et ecclesie Sancti Dionisii juxta Hantona(m) necnon et canonicis suis ibidem deo servientibus xx solidatas terre de dominio meo quod iiii villani tenebant cum

pratis et piscaria et omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus. Et preter hoc x solidatas prati, scilicet pratum meum de Porteswed. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere teneant cum soca et saca et tol et team et infangenethiof, quietam et solutam de geldis et danegeldis et omnibus consuetudinibus et occasionibus imperpetuum et cum omnibus libertatibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut eam tenebam in dominio meo. T(estibus) R(ogero) ep(iscop)o Sar(esberiensi), A(lexandro) ep(iscop)o Linc(olniensi), et B(ernardo) ep(iscop)o de S(anc)to D(avi)d, et R(ogero) canc(ellario), et G(ualerano) com(ite) de Mellent, et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno) archidiacono, et Will(elm)o de Albe(n)ni pinc(erna), et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Rob(erto) fil(io) Ric(ardi), et Rob(erto) de Oilli, et A(lberico) de Ver, et Will(elm)o Pontearch(e), et Rob(erto) de C(ur)ci, et Ingelr(ano) de Sai, et Mart(ino) fil(io) Atson(is), et Warin(o) de Hant(ona). Apud Portesmut in transitu meo.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 11.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 338.
Date: The king went to Normandy only once in his reign, in 1137. Waleran of Meulan had been in Normandy since Easter 1136, but came back with him in Advent 1137.

828. Southampton, Abbey of St. Denys, (1139–54, at Winchester)

Confirmation of the gift by Robert de Limesi of land at N. Baddesley (Hants) which formerly belonged to William Martel

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Winton(iensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hantesc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Rob(ertus) de Limesia fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Dionisii juxta Hant(oniam) et canonicis in ea deo servientibus de terra Betheslega quam Will(elm)o Mart(el) dederam, quam idem Will(elmu)s dedit prefato Rob(erto). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia prefata et canonici terram illam predictam teneant in perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et s[t]agnis et aquis et viis et semitis et cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et quietantiis que ad terram illam pertinent cum quibus aliquis ante eos unquam melius vel liberius tenuit. T(estibus) Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Eud(one) Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Wint(oniam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 11.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 338; *Monast.* vi. 213 (incorrectly).
Date: 1139 or later because of Richard de Luci being in England.

829. Southwark Priory (1135–52, at London)

Grant of the stone house opposite the shops of Dowgate and formerly belonging to William of Pont de l'Arche

Stephanus rex Angl[orum][1] episcopo London(iensi) et justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Londonie et totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Sudwerc in elemosinam et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus domum lapideam que fuit Willelmi de Ponte-Arcarum, que sita est contra seldas de Douegata, pro salute mea et Matildis regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum, et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Anglie. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici domum illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant quietam et solutam omni seculari exactione et servitio sicut quietius et liberius tenent alias elemosinas suas infra civitatem Lond(onie). T(estibus) H(enrico)[2] ep(iscopo) Winton(iensi), et Mathilde regin(a) Angl(orum). Apud Lond(oniam).

[1] *A adds* J. [2] *A* R.

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 3 Ed. IV, m. 21; B.M. *Add. Charter 44694 (*inspeximus* of 1504).
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 172.
Date: The queen died 3 May 1152.

830. Southwark Priory (1139–52, at London)

Grant of the tithe of the royal ferm of Southwark

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Wynt(oniensi) justic(ie) vicecomit[i] baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sudreia salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie S(ancte) Marie de Sudwerca et canonicis regularibus in ea deo servientibus, pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et aliorum antecessorum meorum, decimam firme mee de Sudwerca. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi illam habeant et teneant bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice. Et ita ne ipsi inde in aliquo disturbentur quin illam plenarie singulis annis habeant. Testibus M(atilde) regina, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Hub(erto) cam(er)ar(io). Apud Londin(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 18 Ed. III, m. 3, Pat. R. 3 Ed. IV, m. 21; B.M. *Add. Charter 44694 (*inspeximus* of 1504).
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 172.
Date: Richard de Luci suggests a date of 1139 or later.

831. Southwell Minster (1136–54, at York)

The canons to have their woods and to take what is necessary from them

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] Willelmo Peverell de Nottingham et vicecomitibus et ministris suis de Nottinghamsyra salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancte Marie de Southwell habeant in manu sua et perpetua custodia boscos de prebendis suis; et quicquid eis opus fuerit inde capiant et habeant ad aisiamenta sua facienda sicut melius habuerunt tempore regis H(enrici). Et prohibete forestariis nostris ne inde capiant vel vendant. T(este) Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud Eborac(um).

MS.: Southwell Minster, Lib. Albus, f. 14.
Printed: *W. Dickinson Rastall, *A History of the Antiquities of the town and church of Southwell* (London, 1787), p. 185.

832. Spalding Priory (Feb. 1136, at Durham)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et justit(ie) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olnie)scira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse priori de Spaldinges et monachis suis ecclesias suas et terras et decimas et homines et omnes res suas tenere ita bene et in pace et quiete in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et mariscis, in aquis et extra, in burgo et extra, et in mercato et in omnibus locis cum soca et saca et tol et team et infangenetheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus cum quibus melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. T(estibus) ep(iscop)o de Eli, et R(oberto) fil(io) Ric(ardi). Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 4 Ed. III, m. 37; B.M. Add. MS. 35296, f. 99^{v} (*inspeximus* of Edward III, as above) and f. 87 (imperfect).
Printed: *C.C.R.* iv. 162.
Date: Robert fitz Richard de Clare d. 1137, so this must belong to Stephen's visit to Durham in Feb. 1136.

833. Spalding Priory (1135–54)

General protection

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justiciis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et justiciis et fidelibus suis totius Anglie in quorum ball(i)is prior et conventus Spalding(e) elemos(inas) habent salutem. Precipio quod prior et conventus Spald(inge) teneant terras suas et homines et ecclesias et decimas et elemosinas et omnes rectitudines et consuetudines suas ita bene et in pace et libere sicut melius sustinu(e)rat tempore regis H(enrici), nec super hoc patiamini quod aliquis eos vexet vel aliquam eis contumeliam faciat desicut ipsa elemosina m(e)a est et in manu et protectione mea posita. Et si quid positum est extra ecclesiam de pertinentiis ecclesie ipsius, ipse prior reseisiat illud in manum et dominicum suum. Testibus etc.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 35296, f. 87.

834. Spalding Priory (1135–54)

Freedom from toll

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) baronibus et omnibus ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod totum courodium (*sic*) et omnes res prioris et conventus Sancte Marie de Spald(inge) quas affidare poterint homines sui esse suas proprias sint quieti de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine. Et nemo eos super hoc injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T. etc.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 35296, f. 87.

835. Stamford Priory (1139–54, at Stamford)

Grant of 3 acres of royal demesne in Stamford

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) vic(ecomiti) baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Lincolesc(ira) et de Stanford(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in elemosinam perpetuam[1] deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Stanford(a) pro anima regis Henrici et aliorum antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee,[2] iii acras terre mee de dominio meo de Stanford(a). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia prefata teneat terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice. T(estibus) Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Bald(uino) fil(io) Gisl(eberti), et Ric(ardo fil(io) Ursi. Apud Stanford(am).

[1] *above the line, but same hand* [2] et pro salute anime mee *an addition above the line by same hand*

MSS.: Durham D. and C., *1. 4, Ebor. 3 (original, 5″ × 3⅛″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 182), with tongue and one quarter of a fine impression of Stephen's second seal (now detached)). Copies in Cartul. Vetus, f. 50ᵛ, and Cart. iii, f. 121ᵛ.
Printed: T.A.M.B., pl. xxi (a) (facs.).

836. Stanley Abbey (Drownfont) (1150–1, at Rouen)

The empress and Duke Henry grant the meadow of the forest of Chippenham, and 20s. of land next the bridge of Laycock (Wilts.)

Matildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Henricus ejus filius dux Normannie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Drogonis Fonte et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus pro anima regis Henrici patris nostri, necnon pro statu regni Anglie, et pro salute nostra in perpetuam elemosinam pratum foreste de Cheppeham ad pasturam et fenum faciendum, et viginti solidatas terre que est juxta pontem de Lacoc que pertinet ad foeudum de Ruda, quamdiu Ruda erit in manu nostra. Et preter hoc concedimus finaliter predicto loco tres denarios in die de firma nostra de Cheppeham, quamdiu locus ille gente religiosa inhabitabitur. Testibus Willelmo cancellario, et Herberto capellano, et Alexandro de Buhun, et Richardo de Haia, et Hugone de Dovra, et Walkelino Meminot, et Huberto de Vallibus, et Manessero Biset, et Willelmo filio Hamonis, et Warino filio Geraldi, et Willelmo de Ansgervilla. Apud Rothomagum.

MS.: Lost. Cartulary in possession of Edward Bayntun Esq. of Spye Park before 1828.
Printed: *W. L. Bowles, *Parochial History of Bremhill* (London, 1828), 96; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi (1875), 397.
Date: After Henry became Duke of Normandy and before the death of Geoffrey Count of Anjou.

837. Stanley Abbey (Drownfont) (Apr. 1153–Apr. 1154, at Devizes)

Duke Henry grants a hide of land in Lambourn (Berks.)

Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem de una hida terre in Lamburna quam Hugo de Plugenor dedit deo et monachis Sancte Marie de Drownfont (*sic*) in manerio

de Cheppeham deo servientibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut donatio illa rata sit et inconcussa. Ne quis eis damnum vel molestiam malignam inferre presumat, terram illam liberam et quietam ab omni servitio seculari Hugoni predict[o][1] illis in elemosinam perpetuam concedo cum pasturis et pertinentiis. Testibus Willelmo Cummin, magistro Radulpho, Petro abbate[2] Malmesberie, magistro Anfredo, Guarino filio Giraldi camerario, Gocellino de Bail(liolo), Willelmo de Lanabua, Nigello de Brac. Apud Divisas.

[1] *Bowles*, predicti [2] *Bowles*, abbatie

MS.: Lost. Apparently a cartulary copy in the possession of Edward Bayntun Esq. of Spye Park before 1828.
Printed: *W. L. Bowles, *The Parochial History of Bremhill* (London, 1828), 95, from the above MS.
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in England.

838. Stoneleigh Abbey (1135–47)

Note of Stephen's grant of the hermitage [*of Radmore, Staffs.*] *in the forest of Cannock*

Rogerus dei gratia Cestrensis episcopus . . . . Hujus rei gratia provocati et dilatande caritatis zelo succensi donationem et concessionem regis Stephani de loco heremi quam Clementi et Herveyo et sociis suis in foresta de Kannoc ad serviendum deo se dedisse et concessisse predictus rex Stephanus per breve suum nobis innotuit; predicti, inquam, regis devotionem attendentes predictam donationem et concessionem comprobantes eundem locum Redemore videlicet ad serviendum deo et Melleshohe scilicet ad victum colendum et ad pasturam predictis fratribus presentis scripti pagina confirmamus et nostri sigilli munimine muniminus.

MS.: Stratford on Avon, Shakespeare's Birthplace Library, Stoneleigh Leger Book (on loan from Lord Leigh), f. 7.
Printed: **Stoneleigh Leger Book*, ed. Hilton, 10.
Date: Roger Bishop of Chester went on crusade in 1147, dying at Antioch, 16 Apr. 1148.

839. Stoneleigh Abbey (1141–8, at Devizes)

The empress grants the site of the hermitage of Radmore (*Staffs.*)

Matilda imperatrix Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie de Rademora et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam pro statu regni et pro anima patris mei Henrici et pro anima matris mee et antecessorum meorum et pro salute viri mei et mea et liberorum nostrorum locum heremi sue in foresta de Kanoc et totam landam de Melesho ad culturam fratrum et pasturam animalium sine nimia exartacione nemoris. Testibus Herberto clerico, et Unfrido de Buhun, et Patricio de Sar(esberia) conestabulo, et Radulpho Pagan(el), et Roberto de Dunstanvilla. Apud Divisas.

MSS.: Stratford on Avon, Shakespeare's Birthplace Library, Stoneleigh Leger Book (on loan from Lord Leigh), f. 6v; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 12, p. 33 (from the above).
Printed: *Monast.* v. 440; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 392; **Stoneleigh Leger Book*, ed. Hilton, 10.
Date: Matilda held Devizes from 1141 and left England in Feb. 1148. It is not known for certain when Patrick became Earl of Salisbury. The abbey moved from Radmore to Stoneleigh early in the reign of Henry II.

840. Stoneleigh Abbey (probably *c.* Apr.–May 1153, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry confirms the site and foundation of the abbey at Radmore in the forest of Cannock (*Staffs.*)

Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Normannie et Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in elemosinam perpetuam locum et fundationem abbathie ordinis Cisterciensis in foresta mea de Canoc apud Rademoram cum omnibus appendiciis suis scilicet Mellesho et Wirleiam in culturam et pasturam et Hedenesford in

pasturam et quietionem pasnagii sui. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut libere et quiete et pacifice omnia illa teneant monachi ibidem deo servientes nec aliquis eis injuriam vel molestiam aliquam inferre presumat. Testibus Willelmo cancellario, Willelmo Cumin, Ranulpho comite Cest(rie), Roberto comite Legecestr(ie), Rogero comite Hereford, Gozone[1] de Dinan, Ernaldo de Bosco. Apud Gloucestriam.

[1] *Leger Book*, Sozone

MSS.: The original belonged to Sir Henry St. George, Norroy King of arms, in 1638. Copies at Stratford on Avon, Shakespeare's Birthplace Library, Stoneleigh Leger Book (on loan from Lord Leigh), f. 8^{v}; B.M. Harley MS. 2044, f. 139^{v} (St. George's transcript); Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 12, p. 35.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 447; **Stoneleigh Leger Book*, ed. Hilton, 13.
Date: Ranulf Earl of Chester d. 16 Dec. 1153. Henry probably took the title of Duke of Aquitaine at Gloucester, Apr.–May 1153.

841. Stoneleigh Abbey (*c.* June 1153, at Coventry)

Duke Henry grants Cannock (Staffs.) and the mill of Great Wyrley (Staffs.)

Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Rademore et Willelmo abbati et monachis in Cisterciensi ordine ibidem deo servientibus ad ecclesiam faciendam et officinas construendas villam de Kanoc cum omnibus redditibus et pertinentiis suis cum molendino de Wirleya et omnibus aliis rebus eidem ville pertinentibus sicut Ranulphus comes Cest(rie) eandem villam eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut prefata ecclesia et abbas et monachi predictam villam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis bene et in pace libere quiete et honorifice teneant et possideant. Testibus Rogero comite Hereford, Walchelino Maminot, Guarino filio Gerardi camerario, Hugone de Piris, Rogero filio Ricardi. Apud Coventr(eam).

MSS.: Stratford on Avon, Shakespeare's Birthplace Library, Stoneleigh Leger Book (on loan from Lord Leigh), f. 8^{v}; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 12, p. 35.
Printed: *Monast.* v. 447; **Stoneleigh Leger Book*, ed. Hilton, 12.
Date: Henry was at Coventry *c.* June 1153.

842. Stratford-at-bow Priory (1139–54, at London)

Confirmation of the grant by Christiana de Sumeri of land at Haslingfield (Cambs.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Eliensi justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monialibus de Stratford in perpetuam elemosinam illam donationem quam Cristiana de Sumeri et filii sui eis fecerunt de terra de Haselingfelde et quicquid ad illam pertinet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod moniales prefati teneant et habeant terram predictam cum appendiciis suis bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum sacha et socha et tol et theam et infangenethef in bosco et plano et omnibus aliis locis cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus que ad terram illam pertinent cum quibus prefata Cristiana et filii sui illam melius et liberius et quietius tenuerunt. Test(ibus) Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Ric(ardo) de Lucy, et Rog(er)o de Fraxin(eto). Apud London(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O.*Chart. R. 39, and 40 Ed. III, m. 3.
Printed: *C.C.R.* v. 194; *Monast.* iv. 120 (imperfect).
Date: Not earlier than 1139, because of William of Ypres and Richard de Lucy.

843. Templars (22 Mar.–10 Apr. 1137, at Évreux)

The queen grants the manor and church of Cressing Temple (Essex)

Matildis dei gratia regina Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et beate Marie et fratribus militie Templi Salomonis de Jerusalem pro anima patris mei et (*sic*) comitis Eustachii et pro salute

anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum totum manerium de Cressyng cum ecclesia ejusdem ville et omnibus ecclesie pertinentibus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod habeant teneant et possideant illud manerium meum predicti fratres bene et in pace libere et quiete ab omnibus secularibus servitiis consuetudinibus et exactionibus in bosco et plano in pratis et in pastura in semitis et in viis in aquis et extra aquas in molendinis et divisis et in omnibus locis et rebus cum soca et saca et tholl et them et infangenetheof et in omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus manerio illi adjacentibus. Et ut hec mea donatio et concessio firma et inconcussa predictis fratribus militie Templi Salomonis insempiternum perseveret a deo michi collata potestate illam confirmo et sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum subnotatione consigno Hiis testibus Joh(an)ne ep(iscopo) Lux(oviensi), et Oudun(o) Ebroic(ensi), et Joh(an)ne Sagiensi, et Rad(ulpho) canc(ellario) meo, et Will(elmo) Monacho dapifero, et Thub(er)to camerario, Ostone de Bolonia. Apud Eb(r)oicas, anno incarnationis domini millesimo c(entesim)o tricesimo sexto, Steph(ani) vero viri mei anno . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 86; Lees, *Records*, 145.
Date: Stephen and his queen went to Normandy in the third week of Mar. 1137, and were at Évreux before the beginning of the New Year, though it is uncertain whether this was calculated from Lady Day (25 Mar.) or Easter (11 Apr.). Cf. **69**. Note that there were two churches at Cressing; that of All Saints was given by the queen to the canons of St. Martin le Grand of London (**541**); the Templars held St. Mary's church at Cressing Temple.

844. Templars (1140–5, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the queen's gift of land in Uphall (in Great Tey), Ess.

Stephanus dei (*sic*) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baron(ibus) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglic(is) de Essexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam Matildis regina uxor mea fecit Hugoni de Argent(ein) et aliis fratribus de Templo in perpetuam elemosinam de terra de Luppehalla. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsi fratres de Templo teneant eam in perpetuam (*sic*) bene et in pace et libere et quiete in bosco et plano et omnibus rebus et quiet(antiis) et libertatibus que ad terram illam pertinent cum quibus aliquis eum ante eos unquam melius et liberius tenuit et sicut carta regine quam inde habent testatur. Test(ibus) Eustachio filio meo, et Rob(er)to canc(ellario), et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Turg(isio) de Abrinc(is), et Ric(ard)o de Luci. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 133v.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 170; Lees, *Records*, 148.
Date: Robert de Gant became chancellor in Mar. 1140, and Turgis of Avranches revolted in 1145.

845. Templars (1147–8, at London)

The queen grants the manor and half hundred, but not the church, of Witham (Ess.)

M(atildis) regina Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concessione domini mei regis Anglie Stephani dedi in perpetuam elemosinam militibus fratribus de Templo Jerusalem manerium meum de Witham pro anima com(itis) Eustachii patris mei et pro salute domini mei regis Stephani et mea et puerorum meorum cum omnibus ei pertinentibus, excepta ecclesia et ecclesie pertinentiis que dedi ecclesie Sancti Martini London(ie) et canonicis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant cum dimidio hundredo eidem manerio pertinenti in omnibus rebus sicut comes Eustachius pater meus melius et liberius tenuit in vita sua. Teste comite Gilb(ert)o etc. Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289v.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 300; Lees, *Records*, 150.
Date: Presumably the same date and occasion as **846–7** with the young Eustace already Count, and before the death of Earl Gilbert of Pembroke. (The identification of Earl Gilbert as Gilbert Earl of Pembroke comes from **847**.) A difficulty is that Earl Gilbert of Pembroke rebelled against Stephen in 1147 (*Gesta Stephani*, 133–4) apparently before Eustace was knighted and made count (ibid. 137). Presumably the Earl of Pembroke must have made peace with Stephen before his death in 1148. See also **539–42**.

846. Templars (1147–8, at London)

Granting the manor and half-hundred of Witham (Essex) without the church

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis etc. salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam militibus fratribus de Templo Jerusalem manerium meum de Witham pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum cum omnibus pertinentiis, excepta ecclesia et ecclesie pertinentiis que dedi ecclesie Sancti Martini London(ie) et canonicis. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant cum dimidio hundredo eidem manerio pertinenti in omnibus rebus sicut comes Eustachius melius et liberius tenuit. Et preter hoc clamo manerium illud eis quietum de danegeldis inperpetuum et in omnibus aliis rebus et consuetudinibus preter hiis que pertinent ad dignitatem corone mee. Et hanc donationem illis feci concessione Matildis regine uxoris mee de cujus patrimonio et hereditate manerium illud constat fore. Testibus Matilde regina, et comite Gilb(er)to, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Ric(ard)o de Luci, et H(enrico) de Traci, et Rog(er)o de Fraxin(et)o, et Simone de Girard(i) molend(ino). Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289v.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 821; D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 300; Lees, *Records*, 149.
Date: As for **845**.

847. Templars (1147–8, at London)

Count Eustace, the king's son, confirms the king's and queen's grant of Witham (Ess.)

Comes Eustachius Bolon(ie) episcopo London(iensi) etc. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et militibus fratribus de Templo Jerusalem in perptuam elemosinam illam donationem quam rex Stephanus pater meus et Matildis regina mater mea eis fecerunt de manerio de Witham cum hundre(do) eid(em) pertinen(ti) et cum omnibus aliis rebus eidem manerio pertinent(ibus), ita bene et plenarie et libere et quiete sicut predictus rex Stephanus pater meus et Matildis regina mater mea illud manerium eis dederunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. Testibus com(ite) Gilb(er)to de Penbroc, et Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Wild(elm)o Martel, et Ric(ard)o de Lucy, et Rog(er)o de Fraxin(eto). Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289v.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 301; Lees, *Records*, 151.
Date: as for **845**. This is the only evidence that Earl Gilbert was reconciled to the king after his revolt in 1147 and before his death in 1148. If this charter were in fact to date from before his revolt, it would mean that the author of the *Gesta Stephani* has got the two events in the wrong chronological sequence, and this seems most unlikely.

848. Templars (1147–54, at London)

The Templars to have their market at Witham (Ess.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Ric(ardo)[1] de Lucy salutem. Precipio tibi quod facias dominum Ostone(m) magistrum et fratres de Templo tenere mercatu(m) suu(m) de Witham ita bene et plenarie et quie(te) sicud illud melius ibi fuit tempore regis Henrici et meo[2] postea. Nec patiaris quod Bald(ewinus) de Rouescestr(ia) vel alius aliquis eis inde forisfaciat. T(este) Fulc(one) de Oilli. Apud London(iam).

[1] *MS.* Ricuo [2] *MS.* in eo

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 290.
Printed: Lees, *Records*, 152.
Date: After nos. **845–7**.

849. Templars (1138–54, at London)

The Templars to have the land given them by William Martel in London

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis London(ie) salutem. Precipio quod milites fratres de Templo Jerusalem teneant et habeant terram suam quam Willelmus Mart[el][1] eis dedit in elemosinam infra

[1] *MS.* Marci

London(iam), ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut Willelmus Mart(el) melius et liberius et quietius tenuit. Et si quid super hoc inde cepistis, totum eis reddatis. Test(e) Will(elmo) de Ipra. Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 52.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 81; Lees, *Records*, 156.
Date: William of Ypres was still in Normandy in July 1138; he was in England by 1139.
The MS. reads *Willelmus Marci* the first time and *Willelmus Marc* the second, but it is a fifteenth-century transcript, and we think that the correct reading should be *Willelmus Mart(el)*.

850. Templars (Oct. 1138–Sept. 1139, at Reading)

The queen grants (Temple) Cowley (Oxon.)

[Matildis] dei gratia regina Anglorum archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et fratribus militibus Templi Jerusalem pro anima comitis Eustachii patris mei totam terram meam de Couel(e) cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et domini Stephani regis Angl(orum) mariti mei et puerorum meorum et antecessorum et successorum meorum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod prefati fratres milites Templi predictam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in omnibus rebus habeant et teneant libere pacifice et honorifice et quiete absque omni exactione consuetudine et servitio seculari inperpetuum. T(estibus) Milon(e) de Gloecestr(ia), Humfrid(o) de Boun, Roberto Marmyun, Elya Giffard, Maur(icio) de Wyndleshor(a), Roberto Avenel, Milon(e) Basseth, Ayllard(o) fil(io) Flandrens(is), Roberto Musard. Apud Rading(as).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 14.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 843 (no. xli); D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 123; Lees, *Records*, 176; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, i. 33.
Date: As for **851**. Salter in *E.H.R.* xxv. 115 attempts to date it more closely to Jan. 1139, but his case is not proven.

851. Templars (Oct. 1138–Sept. 1139, at Reading)

Grant of (Temple) Cowley with easements in the forest (of Shotover) (Oxon.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis quod dedi et concessi et hac carta mea presenti confirmavi in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam de Couel(e) cum omnibus pertinentiis suis integre deo et Sancte Marie et fratribus militibus de Templo Jerusalem pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum. Et preterea do eis et concedo ut habeant aysiamenta et necessaria in foresta mea sine venditione ad domos suas dominicas et ad alia agenda sua, et hoc per visum servientis qui boscum meum custodiet. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi fratres milites Templi prenominatam terram de Couel(e) cum omnibus pertinentis suis in omnibus rebus habeant et teneant liberam solutam et quietam ab omnibus exactionibus consuetudinibus et servitiis secularibus inperpetuum. T(estibus) Roberto Marmyon, Ricardo de Lucy, Henr(ico) Tracy, Aylardo Flandrensi, Roberto Avenel, Will(elmo) de Ipra, Will(elmo) Martel, Milon(e) Basseth, Regin(aldo) Windr(eshore), Maur(icio) de Windr(eshora), Elya Giffard. Apud Reding(as).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 14.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 843; D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 122; Lees, *Records*, 177; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, i. 34.
Date: Since five of the witnesses (and those uncommon) occur also in **850**, also given at Reading, both charters must belong to the same occasion. William of Ypres was certainly in Normandy till Oct. 1138; Miles of Gloucester rebelled *c.* Sept. 1139.

852. Templars (1139–54, at Hertford)

Exemption of the land at (Temple) Cowley (Oxon.) from shires and hundreds etc.

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(iario) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus etc. de Oxenef(ordscira) salutem. Precipio quod fratres milites Templi Jerusalem habeant terram suam de Couel(e) bene et in pace solutam et quietam de schiris et hundredis et placitis et querelis et

omnibus aliis rebus excepto murdro et latr(ocinio) sicut umquam terra illa melius fuit quieta tempore comitis et (*sic*) Eustachii et meo tempore postea dum fui comes Moritonii. Et preter hoc concedo et do eis ut habeant n(e)c(essari)a in bosco meo sine venditione ad domos suas dominicas et ad alia agenda sua, et hoc habeant per visum servientis qui boscum meum custodiet. T(este) W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Hertford.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 14.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 144; Lees, *Records*, 178; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, i. 35.
Date: necessarily later than **850**.

853. Templars (Jan. 1139–Apr. 1147, at Oxford)

Grant of the brake of Shotover (Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) etc. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et militibus de Templo brocham de Schotover(a) sicut semita extenditur a mora usque ad Wodeweyam que protenditur ex transverso magni chimini ab illa Wodeweya scilicet que provenit de Coueley cum mora prefata. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsi teneant brocham illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut melius tenent alias tenuras suas. T(estibus) Gilb(er)to comite de Clara, et Bald(wino) filio Gilb(erti), et Regin(aldo) de Sancto Wal(erico), et Ric(ard)o de Lucy, et Sym(one) de Girard(i)-molend(ino). Apud Oxon(iam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 14.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 178; Lees *Records*, 179; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, i. 35.
Date: Richard de Lucy was still in Normandy in Oct. 1138, and this charter must be later than **850–1**. Reginald de St. Valery had probably joined Geoffrey of Anjou by 1147 (**53**, **57**). Stephen was not at Oxford in 1141 and only recaptured it from the empress towards the end of 1142.

854. Templars (Mar.–Apr. 1141, at Oxford)

The empress confirms the rights of the Templars of Cowley in the forest (of Shotover, Oxon.)

Matildis imperatrix regis Henrici filia Rad(ulpho) de Q(ue)rceto et ministris foreste presentibus et futuris salutem. Precipio quod fratres de Templo domini de Couel(e) habeant pasturam suam animalibus suis et pecoribus suis in bosco et plano plenarie et aysiamenta sua de foresta sine vasto pro anima regis Henrici patris mei. Et omnes res eorum in mea pace firm(e) sint, ne aliquis eis injuriam faciat. T(estibus) episcopo H(enrico) Winton(iensi), et episcopo Ely(ensi), et canc(ellario). Apud Oxeneford.

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 14.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 158; Lees, *Records*, 178; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, i. 36.
Date: Before the empress became *Domina Anglorum* (7 Apr. 1141) but while Henry of Blois was supporting her. She spent Easter (30 Mar.) at Oxford.

855. Templars (1140–3, at Newball, Lincs.)

Confirmation of the grant by Turgis of Avranches of land in Hensington (in Woodstock, Oxon.)

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincoln(iensi) justiciar(io) et vicecom(iti) baronibus et ministris suis et fidelibus Francis et Anglis Oxonefordsire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse illam donationem quam Turgis(ius) de Abrinc(is) fecit deo et fratribus militibus de Templo Jerusalem, scilicet totum vastum de x libratis terre de Hensynton(a) quam dedi eidem Turgis(io), et tantum desuper plus quod valeat xl solid(os) in eadem villa de Hensynton(a). Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti fratres milites Templi bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant in perpetuam elemosinam. Test(ibus) com(ite) Gisl(eberto), et com(ite) Gaufr(ido), et Will(elmo) Mart(el), et Bald(wino) filio Gisl(eberti). Apud Niwebelam.

MS.: *Bodl. Lib., MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 101v.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 167; Lees, *Records*, 188; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, ii. 279.
Date: After Geoffrey de Mandeville had been created Earl of Essex, and before his fall.

856. Templars (1136–52, at Ipswich)

Grant of sac and soc in (Temple) Dinsley (Herts.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglic(is) de Hertfordischir(a) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et fratribus Templi Jerusalem pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum ut habeant et sac(am) et socn(am) et toll et theam et infang(thef) et omnes alias consuet(udines) liberales in terra sua de Dynnesleya. Test(ibus) Rob(er)to de Ver, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Will(elm)o de Noers. Apud Gipeswic.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 134.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 166; Lees, *Records*, 211.

857. Templars (1136–54, at York)

Confirmation of the gift of one acre in Temple Dinsley (Herts.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et baron(ibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Hertfordschir(a) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse fratribus de Templo donationem illam quam Joh(ann)es camerarius eis fecit de quadam acra terre in Dynnesleya, de illa nominatim quam faber tenuit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti fratres terram illam bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete teneant cum omni libertate sicut idem Johannes illam eis dedit et concessit coram me. Test(ibus) Rob(er)to de Ver, et Baldr(ico) de Sigillo, et Hugone de Essartis. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 133^{v}.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 167; Lees, *Records*, 212.
Date: Baldric de Sigillo and Hugh de Essartis both suggest dates in the later part of the reign, but nothing definite can be proved.

858. Templars (1140, or Dec. 1142–Sept. 1143, at Oxford)

Confirmation of two mills and their pertinences in (Temple) Dinsley (Herts.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincoln(iensi) et comit(i) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baron(ibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglic(is) de Hertford(schira) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et fratribus militie Templi Jerusalem et Hugoni de Argent(ein) in perpetuam elemosinam xl solidat(as) terre in manerio de Dynneslay, scilicet duo molend(ina) et terram et homines qui ad molend(in)um pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti fratres teneant et habeant hec predicta bene et in pace et honorifice libera et quieta ab omni seculari exactione sicut elemosinam meam. Test(ibus) comite Galfr(ido), et Rob(er)to de Ver, et Turg(isio) de Abrunc(is). Apud Oxon(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 133^{v}.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 178; Lees, *Records*, 212.
Date: Geoffrey de Mandeville was created Earl of Essex in 1140. Stephen was not in Oxford in 1141 or before Dec. 1142. Geoffrey de Mandeville was arrested, and then rebelled, in Sept. 1143.

859. Templars (1147–53, at London)

Confirmation of Bernard de Balliol's gift of 15 librates of land in Hitchin (Herts.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus com(itibus) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) baron(ibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Bernardus Baillol fecit deo et fratribus militie Templi Jerusalem de xv libratis terre in manerio suo de Heicchen. Quare volo quod ipsi eas bene et in pace et libere et quiete ab omni consuet(udine) teneant et inperpetuum possideant in bosco et plano in pasturis et pratis et in aquis et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus sicut Bernardus eis illas dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Test(ibus) mag(ist)ro Reginaldo, et G(ervasio) abbate Westmonast(erii) filio meo, et comite

E(ustachio) filio meo, et W(illelmo) de Ipra, et W(illelmo) Mart(el), et Ric(ard)o de Luci. Apud London(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 133v.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 820 (no. xiv); D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 280; Lees, *Records*, 215.
Date: Bernard de Balliol's charter (Lees, 213) was dated at Paris, 27 Apr. 1147. Eustace became an earl 1146/7 and died 17 Aug. 1153. Master Reginald looks, from his position among the witnesses, an important man, as if he were an (unknown) master of the Temple.

860. Templars (1147–54, at Oxford)

Confirmation of Bernard de Balliol's gift of waste land at (Temple) Dinsley (Herts.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baron(ibus) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis de Hertford[scira] salutem. Sciatis me confirmasse et concessisse deo et Templo de Jerusalem fratribus ibidem deo servientibus vastu(m) terre de Dynnesl(eya) sicut Bernardus de Bailoll illud eis dedit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsi fratres habeant et teneant illud bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et hominibus et omnibus rebus que ad illud pertinent, et sicut ipse Beynardus (*sic*) eis illud dedit et concessit et sicut carta sua testatur. Test(ibus) Will(el)mo de Ipra, Will(el)mo Martel, et Reginaldo[1] de Fraxin(eto). Apud Oxon(iam).

[1] *sic MS., but presumably an error for* Rogero

MS.: BM. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 134.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 280; Lees, *Records*, 216.
Date: This waste land of Dinsley seems to be the same as *Wedelee nominatim que est membrum de Hichene, arva aspera et plana cum nemore fluvios* which Bernard de Balliol granted in his charter of 27 Apr. 1147. (Lees, 214). Lees (cxli) identifies it with Preston (Herts.) which is the village of which Temple Dinsley is part, and which adjoins Hitchin; it follows that the present charter cannot be earlier than that of Bernard de Balliol (27 Apr. 1147).

861. Templars (1140–3, at Caistor or Castor)

Confirmation of the gift of a mill in Langford (Beds.) and of land in Sharnbrook (Beds.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comit(ibus) vic(ecomitibus) etc. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Templo de Jerusalem et militibus in eo deo servientibus, donationem illam quam Simon de Wahell(a) et Sibilla uxor sua et Walterus filius eorum eis fecerunt pro salute animarum suarum eisdem militibus de Templo et de novo molendino de Langford(a) et de terra illa quam idem Simon et Sibilla uxor sua et Walterus filius emerunt de Will(elmo) Triket in Sernebroc. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod Templum prefatum et milites in eo deo servientes teneant et habeant omnia illa predicta in perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et stagnis et viis et semitis et molendinis cum socca et sacca et toll et theam et infang(thef) et cum omnibus aliis rebus et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus. Test(ibus) Rob(er)to canc(ellario), et comite Gilb(er)to, et comit(e) Gaufr(ido), et comite Simone, et G(ilberto) de Gant, et Turg(isio) de Abrin(cis). Apud Castram.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 137.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 170; Lees, *Records*, 219.
Date: While Geoffrey de Mandeville was an earl and in favour (1140–Sept. 1143). The place could be Caistor, Lincs., Caister-next-Yarmouth, Caister St. Edmunds, or Castor, Northants. Stephen was at Caistor, Lincs., shortly before 7 June 1143 (**655**), but it is Castor, Northants., which is nearest to the honour of Odell (*Wahelle*) in Beds. Cf. the witnesses of **862** and **109**.

862. Templars (1140 or Dec. 1142–1148, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the gift of the church of Langford (Beds.) by Simon of Odell

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincoln(iensi) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) etc. de Bedefordschir(a), salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Templo de Jerusalem et militibus deo servientibus donationem illam quam Simon de

Wahell(e) et Sibilla uxor sua et Walterus filius eorum fecerunt eis de ecclesia de Langeford(a). Quare volo et precipio quod Templum prefatum et milites teneant et habeant ecclesiam illam bene et in pace in terris et decimis et in omnibus aliis appendiciis suis et cum liberis consuet(udinibus) omnibus et quietanciis. Test(ibus) Rob(er)to canc(ellario), et comit(e) Gilb(er)to, et comit(e) Simone, et Gilb(er)to de Gant. Apud Oxon(iam).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 137.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 820 (no. xvi); D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 179; Lees, *Records*, 221.
Date: Robert became chancellor in 1140, and Gilbert de Gant was Earl of Lincoln by 1149. All four witnesses occur (at a different place) in **861**, and it is tempting to think that the two charters are linked in time as well as subject. If so, 1140–3 would be a closer dating; but this is by no means certain, and in any case Stephen was not at Oxford in 1141 or before Dec. 1142.

863. Templars (1138–54, at Oxford)

Confirming the grant by Earl Robert de Ferrers of the land of Finch in Sparsholt (Berks.)

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Sareb(eriensi) etc. salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam comes Robertus de Ferrar(iis) fecit deo et fratribus de Templo Jerusalem de terra Finke de Spereshol(e). Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete in perpetuum illam teneant et habeant et ab omni seculari exactione [liberam] sicut tenent alias tenuras suas. Test(ibus) Rob(erto) de Ver, et Ric(ardo) de Lucy. Apud Oxon(iam).

MS.: Bodl. Lib., *MS. Wood empt. 10, f. 78.
Printed: D'Albon, *Cartulaire général*, 239; Lees, *Records*, 201; Leys, *Sandford Cartulary*, ii. 217.
Date: Richard de Lucy was still in Normandy in Oct. 1138. Robert de Ferrers was not made an earl till soon after Aug. 1138.

864. Templars (Nov. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Woodstock)

Confirmation of the gift by Earl Robert de Ferrers of Bisham (Berks.)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis et episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) com(itibus) baron(ibus) vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et confirmasse donationem illam quam fecit comes Rob(er)tus de Ferrariis deo et beate Marie et pauperibus fratribus Templi Salomonis Jer(usalem) de manerio de Bistelesham in perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volo et precipio quod fratres Templi prescripti manerium prefatum ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus absolutum bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice jure elemosine teneant et imperpetuum possideant in ecclesia in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis in viis et semitis et in omnibus rebus et locis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem manerio pertinentibus sicut predictus comes Robertus illud eis dedit concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Hujus donationis et confirmationis testes sunt Walterus episcopus Cestrens(is), Ric(ard)us de Lucy, Rogerus comes de Clare, Ric(ard)us de Canvill(a), Will(elmus) de Ferrariis, et Baldricus de Sigillo. Apud Wodestoke.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 92.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 819 (no. x); Lees, *Records*, 203.
Date: Roger succeeded to the earldom of Clare on 22 Nov. 1152. The charter must have been given on the same occasion as **865**. Since William de Ferrers witnessed for Duke Henry at Rouen (Sept. 1151–Jan. 1153) (**653**), this charter would seem to be after the treaty of Westminster.

865. Templars (Nov. 1153–Oct. 1154, at Woodstock)

Confirmation of the manor and advowson of the church of Cressing Temple (Essex)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Angl]orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus et baronibus vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et beate Marie et fratribus militie Templi Salomonis Jerusalem pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et pro animabus regis Henrici av[uncul]i[1] mei et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum totum manerium de

[1] *MS.* avi

Cressynge cum advocatione ecclesie ejusdem manerii in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volo et precipio quod prescripti fratres militie Templi manerium prefatum ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus absolutum bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice jure elem(osine) teneant et inperpetuum possideant in ecclesia et bosco et plano in pratis et in pascuis in aquis et molendinis in viis et semitis et in omnibus rebus et locis cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem manerio pertinen(tibus). Ut autem hec mea concessio et confirmatio rata et stabilis permaneat illam presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impressione confirmavi. Hujus concessionis et confirmationis testes sunt Walt(er)us episcopus Cestr(ensis), et Ric(ard)us de Luci, et Rog(er)us comes Clare, et Ric(ard)us de Camvill(e), et Will(el)m(us) de Cainsu(n), et Will(el)mus de Ferrar(iis), et Will(el)mus Pantol(f), et Baldricus de Sigillo. Apud Wodestoke.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 820 (no. xxi); Lees, *Records*, 146.
Date: After Roger had succ. to the earldom of Clare (22 Nov. 1152, according to the Annals of Tewkesbury). Though the text, which comes from a fifteenth-century cartulary seems corrupt, the genuineness of the charter must be doubted, not only because Stephen is styled *dei gratia* and Henry I as his grandfather (*avus*), but more seriously because the *pro salute* clause implies that the queen was alive and Eustace dead, though she died 3 May 1152 and he later, on 17 Aug. 1153. Furthermore Eustace was styled count after 1147.

866. Templars (4 Apr.–25 Oct. 1154, at London)

General confirmation of all lands held at Easter (4 Apr.) 1154

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum dedisse concessisse et confirmasse fratribus de Templo Salomonis omnes donationes quas (*sic*) illis rationabiliter facte sunt in terris et villis et hominibus et omnibus aliis rebus in omni terra mea, de quibus saisiti erant in primo Pascha quod fuit post pacificationem[1] et concordiam quam feci cum comite Norm(annorum). Concessi etiam eisdem et dedi et confirmavi ut omnia tenementa sua et ville et homines sui quieti sint de omnibus querelis et placitis et s(c)iris et hundredis et soc et sac et tol et them et infangenetheof et de omnibus aliis exactionibus et de murdro et latrocinio, excepta justicia mortis et membrorum. Hujus donationis et confirmationis testes sunt: Teob(aldus) Cant(uariensis) archiepiscopus, Henricus Wynton(iensis) episcopus, Rob(er)tus Lincoln(iensis), Ric(ard)us London(iensis) episcopus, Rob(er)tus prior Bermundesie, Thomas clericus archiep(iscopi), Henricus de Essex(a) constabularius, Ric(ard)us de Luci, Will(el)mus Mart(el). Apud London(iam).

[1] *MS.* Purificat(ionem)

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 289v.
Printed: Lees, *Records*, 137.
Date: After Easter 1154. For reference to the treaty of Westminster cf. 696, but it is only here that Henry is styled Count (instead of Duke) of Normandy.

867. Templars (1150–4, at Rouen)

Duke Henry attests the grant of the church of Sompting (Sussex) by Philip d'Harcourt Bishop of Bayeux, William de Braose (his cousin), and William d'Harcourt (his brother)

Noscant omnes sancte ecclesie filii tam futuri quam presentes quod Ph(ilippus) Baiocensis episcopus et ego Willelmus de Braiosa et Willelmus de Harecourt dedimus et concessimus deo et beate Marie et fratribus Templi Salomonis ecclesiam de Suntinges cum omnibus pertinentiis suis liberam et ab omni seculari consuetudine absolutam in perpetuam elemosinam. Test(ibus) Hy(lario) Cicestrensi episcopo, in cujus manu hoc donum eis dedimus qui petitione et assensu nostro prefatam ecclesiam eisdem fratribus dedit atque jure elemosine imperpetuum habere concessit. Et teste Henr(ico) duce Norm(annorum) cujus rogatu hanc donationem eis fecimus. Et Gilberto episcopo Hereford(ensi). Et Simone de Tornabu, et fratre

Rad(ulph)o de Valtort, et fratre Henr(ico) Malbane, et fratre Henr(ico) Anglico. Apud Rothomago.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero E. vi, f. 154.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 820; Delisle–Berger, no. 84*; Lees, *Records*, 232.
Date: Delisle agrees with Lees in putting it *c.* 1154, though technically Henry was also Count of Anjou from 7 Sept. 1151 and Duke of Aquitaine from mid 1153. A similar notification to Archbishop Theobald (Lees, 233) has Henry Duke of the Normans, Matilda the empress, and Gilbert Bishop of Hereford as witnesses.

868. Tewkesbury Abbey (1136–9, at Marlborough)

Freedom from toll

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod abbas et homines de Teechesbiria sint quieti de omni theloneio et consuetudine de omnibus rebus quas emerint et vendiderint ad opus abbatis ipsius et monac[horum] ejus. Et prohibeo ne super hoc quisquis quicquam inde injuste capiat super x librarum forisfacturam. Teste Johanne Mar(escallo). Apud Merlebrig.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 12 Hen. VII, p. ii, m. 1–7.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1494–1509*, p. 103 (no. 9).
Date: While John fitz Gilbert, the marshal, was supporting Stephen.

869. Tewkesbury Abbey (1135–54)

Notice of a general writ of protection

Litere ejusdem regis [Stephani] precipientis justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis in quorum ministeriis ecclesia Theok(sburie) terras habet, ut teneant eas quietas, et homines, et omnes res suas, ita bene et in pace, quiete et honorifice cum omnibus consuetudinibus et rectitudinibus et libertatibus suis sicut unquam melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici, et sicut ipse precepit per cartas suas et brevia.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Cleopatra A. vii, f. 73.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 68 (no. xiii).

870. Tewkesbury Abbey (1139–54)

Notice of a writ to reseise the monks of Wroughton (Wilts.) and Poulton (Glos.)

Litere ejusdem regis [Stephani] precipientis vicecomiti de Wiltesyr(a) resaisiare monachos de Theok(sburia) de terra sua de Werfton et de Pulton, unde Walter(us) de Pincen(i) eos diseisiavit injuste. Precipit etiam ut bene et in pace et juste et libere illas teneant.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Cleopatra A. vii, f. 73.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 68 (no. xvi).
Date: Since Wroughton and Poulton are near Cirencester and Swindon, it is likely that the writ dates from the time when Walter de Pinkney was Stephen's commander of Malmesbury; this could not have been before the fall of Roger of Salisbury.

871. Tewkesbury Abbey (1135–54, possibly *c.* 1154)

Notice of a general protection and freedom from impleadings

Litere ejusdem [regis Stephani] precipientis justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis ut monachi Theok(sburie) teneant omnes res suas de quocumque teneant in decimis et in ecclesiis et in omnibus aliis rebus et possessionibus, ita bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut umquam melius et quietius et liberius tempore regis Henrici tenuerunt, et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et tempore com(itis) Glouc(estrie). Et ne trahantur in placitum nisi ipse precipiat ore suo, quia ipse omnia illius ecclesie tenementa in custodia sua et propria manu cepit.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Cleopatra A. vii, f. 73.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 68 (no. xv).
Date: The reference to the Earl of Gloucester could be either to 'Alfredus Meaw, comes Gloucestrie, primus fundator' (*alias* Haylward Mere, *c.* 980) or to Robert or William Earl of Gloucester. In the latter case, this writ would presumably be subsequent to the Treaty of Westminster, and therefore *c.* 1154.

872. Tewkesbury Abbey (1135–54)

Notice of a general protection and freedom from impleadings

Litere Stephani regis precipientis ministris suis ut monachi Theok(sburie) teneant terras suas bene et in pace et juste et libere et ita quiete sicut umquam melius tenuerunt, prohibens ne inde ponantur in placitum, nisi ipse precipiat et aliquis eis injuriam faciat.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Cleopatra A. vii, f. 73.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 68 (no. xiv).

873. Thame Abbey (1139–40, or Dec. 1142–8, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the gifts of Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, and other benefactors

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concessi deo et abbati et monachis Cisterciensis ordinis de Parco de Tama illam donationem quam Alexander episcopus Linc(olniensis) eis fecit in omnibus rebus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et habeant, in terris et boscis et pratis et pasturis et omnibus aliis rebus, sicut predictus A(lexander) episcopus eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Et preter hec, concedo eis omnes alias donationes eis in terris et aliis rebus rationabiliter datas et cartis confirmatas. Testibus Roberto de Caisn(eto) archid(iacono), et Baldr(ico) de Sigillo, et Roberto de V(er), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Oxen(fordiam).

MS.: B.M. *Campbell Ch. xxix. 8 original, $6\frac{1}{8}'' \times 2\frac{9}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 337), with no tongue or seal).
Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England, while Stephen held Oxford, and before Robert de Chesney was promoted Bishop of Lincoln (19 Dec. 1148).

874. Thame Abbey (1139–53 at Benson (Oxon.) with the army)

Grant of the land of Nigel Chure and of two members of Benson (Oxon.)

Steffanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lincolniensi et justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Tama et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in elemosinam terram quam Nigellus Chure tenuit et Wifaldam et Ruchmareshegge que erant membra de Bensintone et solebant reddere in firma manerii ejusdem xxiii solidos et iii denarios. Quare volo et precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pascuis et aliis pertinentiis solutam et quietam ab omni seculari servitio et exactione cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus. Testibus [Willelmo] Martel, Hugone de Bolebec, Guidone filio Tesc. Apud Bensintone in exercitu.

MSS.: Longleat, MS. 44, f. 45^{v}; B.M. Harley MS. 5804, f. 300, and Cotton MS. Julius C. vii, f. 302 (both from a cartulary).
Printed: Lee, *History of Thame*, 371 (incorrectly); *Salter, *Thame Cartulary*, no. 170.
Date: All hostilities at Benson would have been between 1139 and 1153.

875. Thame Abbey (*c.* Dec. 1153, at London)

Duke Henry grants the lands specified in **874**, *the gift of Geoffrey de Iveto*

Henricus dux Normannie et Aquitanie comes Andegavie omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Tama et monachis ibidem deo servientibus donationem quam Gaufridus de Iveto illis fecit de terra quam Nigellus Chire tenuit et de Wifalda et de Ruchmareshegg' que erant membra de Bensintona et solebant reddere in firma ejusdem manerii xxiii sol. et iiii den. quas terras dederam Gaufrido predicto pro servitio suo et ipse eis in elemosinam dedit. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi predictas terras bene et in pace libere et quiete et

honorifice teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis solutas et quietas ab omni seculari exactione et servitio cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad easdem terras pertinentibus. Testibus P(etro) abbate Malmeb(iriensi), Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Ricardo de Humetis constabulario, Hugone de la Mara, Henrico Hosato. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Longleat, MS. 44, f. 45v; B.M. Harley MS. 5804, f. 300, and Cotton MS. Julius C. vii, f. 302v (both from a cartulary).
Printed: Lee, *History of Thame*, p. 371 (wrongly); *Salter, *Thame Cartulary*, no. 171.
Date: While Duke Henry was at London.

876. Thetford, Priory of the Holy Sepulchre (1135–48, at Barton)

Confirmation of the foundation of the Priory by William (III) Earl of Warenne

[Stephanus][1] rex Angl(orum) episcopo Norwyc(ensi) et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolch(ia) et burgensibus de The(t)f(ordia) salutem. Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Willelmus comes Warenn(e) fecit deo et canonicis Sancti Sepulcri de Theford(ia), scilicet de *loco et sede ecclesie* sue *Sancti Sepulcri* et de una carucata *terre infra campum ipsius ville libere et quiete* possidendam inperpetuum infra burgum et extra; et de *ecclesiis et decimis et hominibus et faldis et pascuis et omnibus* aliis rebus cum soka et saka et tol et tem et infangenethef sicut predictus comes Willelmus hec omnia eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. *Concedo etiam eis feriam duorum dierum scilicet [unam] in Inventione Sancte Crucis in Mayo et aliam in Exaltatione* Sancte Crucis, *solam et quietam ab omni consuetudine*; et omnes ad feriam illam cum mercato suo venientes et ibidem commorantes et redeuntes meam firmam pacem habeant. Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc disturbet eos injuste super decem libr(as) forisfacture. Test(ibus) Willelmo Mart(el), et Fulcone de Oilli. Apud Bertonam.

[1] *MS.* Henricus

MS.: P.R.O. *E 132/1/4, m. 5.
Date: Before the death of William III de Warenne (19 Jan. 1148), from whose own charter (*Monast.* vi. 729) are derived the passages in italics. The Barton at which the charter was given is unidentified, but cf. **401**.

877. Thoby Priory (Ginges) (*c.* 1142–52, at London)

Confirmation of gifts by Michael Capra

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vicecomiti baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Essexe salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam Michael(is) Capra dedit deo et ecclesie Beate Marie et Sancti Leonardi de bosco de Ginges et Tobie et fratribus suis deo ibidem servientibus de una hida terre que est circa eandem ecclesiam, et de pannagio et de decima de proprio feno ipsius Michaelis, et de molendino suo, et de ligno ad ignem suum. Et volo et precipio quod ecclesia illa et fratres bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant hec omnia supradicta sicut Mich(aelis) Capra illa eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut carta comitis Ric(ardi) de cujus feodo terra et res prefate sunt testatur. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Canvilla, et Hug(one) de Essart(is). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Essex Record Office, D/DP, T1/273 (original, 6½″ × 4⅞″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi (T.A.M.B., no. 143), with tongue and seal both missing).
Printed: **Essex Review*, xlviii (1939), 67 (facs.).
Date: Michael Capra's own charter is addressed to Ralph Dean of St. Paul's, *c.* 1142–52 (*Trans. Essex Arch. Soc.* xxiii (1942), 79 and pl. 1).

878. Thorney Abbey (1135–51, probably *c.* 1136, at Westminster)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justiciis et vic(ecomitibus) et baron(ibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis in quorum balliva Robertus abbas de Thorneia terras habet salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Roberto abbati de Torneia abbatiam de Torneia et omnes terras abbatie ita bene et plene et honorifice et

quiete et libere tenendas cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenethef et cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis in burgo et extra et in aquis in bosco et in marisco sicut aliquis antecessor suus abbas unquam melius et liberius et quietius tenuit ante eum et sicut rex H(enricus) ei dedit et concessit per cartam suam. Et prohibeo ne aliquis ausus sit ei vel hominibus suis injuriam vel contumeliam fac(er)e. T(estibus) episcopo Ely(ensi), et canc(ellario), et Bald(wino) filio Gileberti. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20; P.R.O. Chart. R. 8 Ed. II, m. 20, and 9 Ed. II, m. 37; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 147.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 243.
Date: Abbot Robert d. 1151; as he was abbot from 1113, this charter was probably secured by him soon after Stephen's accession.

879. Thorney Abbey (1135–54, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the abbey's rights in Stamford (Lincs.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et vic(ecomiti) et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Linc(olne)scir(a) et ministris de Stanf(ord) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie de Thorn(eia) et abbati et toti conventui ut habeant socam et sacam et thol et theam et infangenethef et omnes alias libertates et consuetudines in terra sua et hominibus suis de Stanford. Et volo et precipio quod bene et libere teneant ne aliquis ministrorum eis injuriam vel contumeliam faciat, et sicut rex H(enricus) eis hoc concessit per cartam suam. Testibus episcopo de Ely, et cancellario, et B(aldwino) filio Gileberti. Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 21.
Date: Cf. **878–81**. The text, excluding the witnesses who are a suspiciously regular trio in this series, reads like a garbled version of Henry I's writ (*Regesta*, ii. 1665 and ccxxxvii).

880. Thorney Abbey (1135–54, at Westminster)

The abbot to be free of work on the deer-hedge of Brampton (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomiti) de Huntendonescir(a) salutem. Precipio quod permittas abbatem de Thorneya esse in pace de operatione haie de Brantona sicut breve regis Henrici testatur quod eam facere non debet. Testibus episcopo de Ely, et canc(ellario), et B(aldwino) filio Gisl(eberti). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34^{v}.
Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1452 (and clxxxi), 1456, and 1462, and Stenton, *Early Charters of Northants.* 16–17.

881. Thorney Abbey (1135–54, at Westminster)

Grant of a market on Thursdays at Yaxley (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et baronibus et justiciis et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et fidelibus suis de Huntend(one)scire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie Thornensi mercatum ad manerium suum de Jakel(e) quietum et tranquillum cum soca et saca et tol et theam et infangenethef et omnibus consuetudinibus per diem Jovis uniuscujusque ebdomade sicut rex W(illelmus) et rex H(enricus) avunculi mei ei concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt. Et nemo super hoc disturbet injuste illuc euntes vel inde redeuntes super x libras forisfacture sed firmam pacem meam habeant. T(estibus) ep(iscopo) de Ely, et canc(ellario), et B(aldwino) filio G(ileberti). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MSS. Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20^{v}; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 147 (incomplete).
Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1664 and 1666.

882. Thorney Abbey (1136–40, at Cambridge)

The abbot to have his market at Yaxley (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl' vic(ecomiti) et ministris Huntendone et ministris regis Scotie salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Thorneya habeat mercatum suum de Jakesley bene et in pace et juste sicut melius habuit tempore regis Henrici. Et homines qui ad mercatum suum venerint

habeant meam pacem juste ne aliquis eis injuriam faciat. T(este) B(aldwino) filio Gisl(eberti). Apud Cantebr(iggam).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34v; Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 85, f. 28.
Date: While the king of the Scots or his son held the earldom of Huntingdon.

883. Thorney Abbey (1135–41, at Westminster)

The abbot to have his market at Yaxley (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Huntendon(e)scir(a) salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Thorn(eia) habeat mercatum suum et consuetudines suas omnes de Jakel(e) ita bene et in pace et honorifice sicut umquam melius vel liberius eas habuit tempore regis W(illelmi) et regis H(enrici) die qua fuit vivus et mortuus et sicut consideratum fuit coram Alb[erico][1] de Ver et Willelmo Merk apud Hunt(endonam). Et burgenses de Huntend(ona) capiant consuetudines suas ubi eis capere solebant tempore regis Henrici. T(este) Alb[erico][1] de Ver. Apud Westm(onasterium).

[1] *MS.* Albiñ *each time*

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20.
Date: Before Aubrey de Vere I died or Aubrey II became an earl.
Note the indication of an eyre. William Merk should perhaps be amended to William Martel. Camb. Univ. Lib., Add. MS. 3020 contains two charters of Earl Simon's granting the market to the abbey (ff. 21–21v).

884. Thorney Abbey (1139–53, at Stamford)

Protection for those coming to the abbey's market and wharf at Yaxley (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) comiti Simoni et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Huntendonescir(a) salutem. Mando vobis et precipio quod omnes qui venerint ad mercatum et ad rivagium abbatis et monachorum Thorrene(n)s(ium) de Jakeslea habeant meam firmam pacem per aquam et per terram illuc veniend(i) et ibi demorand(i) et inde redeund(i). Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc eos vel res suas injuste disturbet super x li(bras) forisfacture, quia abbatia predicta et omnes possessiones ei pertinentes sunt in mea custodia et protectione. T(este) R(icardo) de Luci. Apud Stanford.

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34v.
Date: While Richard de Lucy was in England and Simon was Earl of Huntingdon.

885. Thorney Abbey (1136–9, at Northampton)

To reseise the abbot of a virgate of land at Wing (Rutland)

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) Thurstino de Montfort salutem. Resaisi abbatem de Thorn(eia) de una sua virgata terre de molendino de Wenga unde eum dissaisisti post mortem regis Henrici. Et de medietate illius ville quam Robertus frater tuus ei divisit et de vii marcis argenti quas abbas ei prestitit ei plenum rectum tene. Et nisi feceris, episcopus Linc(olniensis) faciat fieri. Testibus A(lberico) de Ver, et R(oberto) fil(io) Walteri. Apud Northampt(onam).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 21; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 147; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 994, f. 94v.
Printed: van Caenegem, p. 433, n. 2.
Date: Before Aubrey de Vere I died or Aubrey II was styled earl, and before death of Robert fitz Walter (de Chesney) *c.* 1140. It therefore is probably also before the arrest of Alexander Bishop of Lincoln (June 1139). Stephen held a council at Northampton on 10 April 1138, but was there on other occasions too.

886. Thorney Abbey (1136–9, at Northampton)

To reseise the abbot of his land at Wing (Rutland)

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) ep(iscopo) Linc(olniensi) [salutem[1]]. Precipio vobis quod resaisiatis abbatem de Thorn(eia) de terra de Weng' quam Robertus de Montfort dedit et

[1] *MS. omits*

concessit in elemosinam deo et ecclesie de Thorn(eia), si injuste et sine judicio inde dissaisitus est. Et juste fac eidem abbati reddi partem pecunie predicti Roberti quam divisit ipsi predicte ecclesie ante mortem suam. Et similiter juste eidem abbati reddi facias pecuniam suam quam prestitit predicto Roberto ante mortem suam. Et bene et in pace et juste et honorifice teneat, nec inde placitet nisi nominatim precepero. Et rectum inde faciatis ne super hoc audiam inde clamorem. Teste Adam de Be[lnaco].[1] Apud Norh(am)t(onam).

[1] *MS.* Behī

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 21.
Printed: van Caenegem, nos. 44a and 85.
Date: Presumably the same as Thorney **885**.

887. Thorney Abbey (1148–54 (?), at Brampton)

To reseise the abbot of his land at Wing (Rutland)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Thurstino de Muntford salutem. Precipio quod juste saisias abbatem de Thorneia de terra quam Robertus frater tuus dedit ecclesie de Thorneia in elemosinam et concessu comitis de Warewic(a) de cujus feodo terra illa est et sicut considerat(um) fuit in curia ejusdem comitis quod e(ss)et inde saisitus. Et debitum quod frater tuus ei debuit et partem pecunie sue quam eidem ecclesie divisit precipio tibi quod ei juste facias habere, et bene et in pace et juste teneat. Et nisi feceris comes de Warwic faciat. Quod nisi fecerit episcopus Linc(olniensis) faciat fieri ne inde clamorem audiam. Test(e) Hamon(e) de S(anc)to Claro. Apud Brantona(m).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 35; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 148.
Just as **885–6** form a pair on this subject so do **887–8**. This second pair is to be distinguished from the first by its reference to the court and charter of the overlord, the Earl of Warwick. As **888** is addressed to Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, we date **887** likewise 1148–54; but this is not absolutely certain.

888. Thorney Abbey (1148–54, at Stamford)

To reseise the abbot of his land at Wing (Rutland)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) R(oberto) episcopo Linc(olniensi) salutem. Mando tibi quod facias monachos de Thorn(eia) resaisiri de terra de Wenga quam Rob(ertus) de M[onfort][1] eis in elemosinam dedit, et facias eos ita in pace tenere sicut carta com(itis) Warwic(ensis) testatur quod eis data fuit, ne super hoc fiat eis injuria vel contumelia. T(este) Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Stanf(ord).

[1] *MS.* Mauf

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34^{v}; B.M. Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 156, and Lansdowne MS. 994, f. 96; Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 85, f. 25.
Date: While Robert de Chesney was Bishop of Lincoln.

889. Thorney Abbey (1139–52, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Quitclaim of the rent paid for the toll at Normancross (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Huntend(one)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietam abbatiam de Thorn(eia) et monachos ibidem deo servientes de theloneo de passagio de Normanc(r)os unde reddere solebant annuatim iiii solidos et duas summas fabarum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi sint in pace et quieti inperpetuum de redditu illius thelonei, ne super hoc ab eis requiratur sicut illum eis concessi et presenti carta confirmavi pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum et pro animabus predecessorum meorum regum Anglie et omnium fidelium. Testibus Com(ite) Sim(one), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Sanctum Edm(undum).

MSS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20^{v}; P.R.O. Chart. R. 8 Ed. II, m. 20, and 9 Ed. II, m. 37; B.M. Cotton MS. Augustus ii. 12 (*inspeximus* of 1484); Bodl. Lib., Gough MS. Cambs. no. 30, f. 15.

Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 243.
Date: While Simon was earl and Richard de Lucy was in England, and while the queen was alive.
Note: Normancross Hundred was given to the abbey by Henry I (*Regesta*, ii. 1028 and lxxxii). Normancross itself is at the fork for Peterborough on the Great North Rd.

890. Thorney Abbey (1139–52, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of toll at Normancross (Hunts.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Linc(olniensi) et justic(iis) et comitibus et baronibus et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie de Thorn(eia) et monachis in illa deo servientibus theloneum et (*sic*) passagium de Normannec(r)os unde reddere solebant annuatim iiij s(olidos) et ij summas fabarum ministris meis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi illud theloneum bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant et habeant inperpetuum, ne super hoc aliquis illud ab eis exigat. T(estibus) Com(ite) Sim(one), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Sanctum Edm(undum).

MSS. Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20v; Bodl. Lib., Dugdale MS. 21, f. 147.
Date: As for **889**.

891. Thorney Abbey (1135–54, at Winchester)

The monks' belongings to be free of toll

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) vicecom(itibus) et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod permittatis ire quiete et absque theloneo et consuetudine totam materiem ecclesie Sancte Marie de Thorn(eia) et victum et vestimentum ejusdem loci ubicumque monachi vel famuli eorum ipsam materiem vel victum vel vestimentum emerint. Et prohibeo super x libras forisfacture ne aliquis eos disturbet neque eis inde molestiam inferat. T(este) episcopo de Ely. Apud Winton(iam).

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 20v.
Printed: Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1167 (cxii).

892. Thorney Abbey (1136–54, at Cambridge)

The abbot not to be impleaded for his lands

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris suis omnibus salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Thorneya teneat omnes terras et tenuras suas ita bene et in pace et honorifice et juste sicut tenuit die qua rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus. Et super hoc non intret in placitum de aliqua terra sua versus aliquem hominem qui de illo clamet nisi habeat ipse vel antecessor suus cartam inde de capitulo. Testibus cancell(ario), et [Baldewino][1] filio Gisl(eberti). Apud Cantab(riggam).

[1] *MS.* D

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34v.
Printed; van Caenegem, no. 166.
Note: A charter from the chapter instead of from the abbot seems anachronistic.

893. Thorney Abbey (1135–54, at London)

The abbey not to be impleaded for its lands

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vic(ecomitibus) et ministris suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod abbas et monachi de Thorneia teneant et habeant omnes terras suas et teneuras suas bene et in pace et honorifice et libere sicut unquam melius tenuerunt. Et super hoc non ponantur in placitum nisi ore meo nominatim precipio. T(este) R(ogero) de Caisi'. Apud Lund(oniam). Et similiter teneant bene et in pace omnes elemosinas suas. T(este) eodem.

MS. Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 35.

894. Thorney Abbey (1136–54, at Oxford)

Thorney not to be impleaded for its lands

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vic(ecomitibus) et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Precipio quod abbas de Thorneya et monachi teneant omnes terras et tenuras suas bene et in pace juste et libere sicut melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die quo fuit vivus et mortuus, ne super hoc vi in placitum nisi coram me ponantur, quia elemosina mea est. T(este) Roberto filio Hug(onis). Apud Oxen(efordam).

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34v.

895. Thorney Abbey (1151, at Oxford)

Appointment of Gilbert as abbot

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vic(ecomitibus) ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Gilberto monacho de Thorneya abbathiam Thorneye cum omnibus terris et pertinentiis ejus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Gisl(ebertus) abbas illam abbatiam bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat in terris et decimis et ecclesiis et omnibus teneuris et pertinentiis cum soco et saca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem abbatie pertinentibus in bosco et plano et pratis et pascuis et in mercatis in aquis et stagnis et piscariis et mariscis et molendinis et omnibus aliis rebus et locis sicut aliquis abbas Thorneye ante eum melius et liberius tenuit. T(estibus) Com(ite) Sim(one), et Will(elmo) comite de Arundel, etc. Apud Oxenef(ordam).

MS.: Camb. Univ. Lib., *Add. MS. 3020, f. 34v.
Date: Gilbert was elected abbot in 1151 (ibid., f. 6).

896. Thorney Abbey (1154, at London)

Appointment of Walter as abbot

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justic(iis) comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Waltero monacho de Torneia abbatiam Thorneie regendam et possidendam cum omnibus terris et pertinentiis ejus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem Walterus abbas ibidem s(ub)stitutus abbatiam illam Thorneie bene et in pace (et) libere et quiete et honorifice teneat et habeat in terris et decimis et ecclesiis et omnibus teneuris et pertinentiis ejus in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et piscariis et mariscis, in rivagiis et mercatis in thelon(iis) et passagiis et stagnis et molendinis et omnibus aliis rebus et locis cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangentheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem abbatie pertinentibus cum quibus aliquis abbas Thorneie ante eum melius et liberius tenuit. T(estibus) Com(ite) Hug(one), et W(illelmo) com(ite) de Arund(el),[1] et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Henrico de Essex(a), et Warn(ero) de Lusor(iis), et Fulc(one) de Oilli, et Bald(wino) filio Gil(berti), et Hug(one) de Essar(tis). Apud London(iam).

[1] *Camb. MS. stops here with* etc. Apud Londoniam

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. *8 Ed. II, m. 20, and 9 Ed. II, m. 37; Camb. Univ. Lib., Add. MS. 3020, f. 35; Bodl. Lib., Gough MS., no. 30, f. 15; B.M. Cotton MS. Augustus ii. 12 (*inspeximus* of 1484).
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 243.
Date: Abbot Walter was elected in 1154 (Camb. Univ. Lib., Add. MS. 3020, f. 6).

897. Thurstan the clerk (3 March–8 April 1141)

The empress confirms his lands including those of Faringdon and Popham (Hants) as held on 3 March 1141

Matilda imperatrix filia Henrici regis Henrico episcopo Wyntoniensi et Willelmo camerario de Pont(earche) et omnibus baronibus de Hantescira Francis et Anglis et civibus Wintoniensibus salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Turstino clerico omnes terras suas quas tenebat de feudo Henrici regis die illa qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et terram de Ferrendona

et de Popham et omnes teneuras suas infra civitatem et extra, tenendas sicut tenuit die illa qua recepta fui apud Wintoniam, bene et in pace et honorifice et hereditabiliter et quiete in bosco et in plano et pratis et pasturis cum saca et socha et tol et tiem et infangenethuf et cum consuetudinibus eisdem terris pertinentibus. Testibus Nigello episcopo de Hely, et M(ilone) de Gloecestria.

MS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 1 Ric. II, pt. iii, m. 28.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1378–81*, 110.
Date: After the empress's reception in Winchester, but before she had been proclaimed *domina Anglorum*.
Note: Thurstan was the clerk of William Pont de l'Arche the king's chamberlain (*Regesta* ii, no. 1872).

898. Tiron, Abbey of (1126–35, at London)

The empress records the grant of 9s. of land at Eastrop (in Up Nately, Hants)

Imperatrix M(athildis) omnibus fidelibus et ministris [H]amtesirie tam Normannis quam Anglicis salutem. Notum sit omnibus quod dedi et concessi monachis Tironensibus ix solidatas terre apud Estrop, scilicet de tenura ... tochiarum.[1] T(estibus) R(oberto) Gloc(estrie), et Ran(nulfo) com(ite) Cestr(ie). Apud Lund(oniam).

[1] Stochiarum?

MS.: Winchester College, *W.C.M. 2797 (original, $5\frac{3}{8}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$, with fold and tag but no seal).
Date: Before Matilda was *Domina Anglorum* and when she was in London. In Stephen's reign she was never in London before she took this title. See *V.C.Hants*, iv. 176–7 and *Arch. Journ.* ix. 246–61.

899. Tiron, Abbey of (July 1141, at Oxford)

The empress confirms Henry I's grant of 15 marks p.a. and grants a further 5 marks p.a., to be paid from the ferm of Winchester

Mat(h)ildis imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia et Anglorum domina archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse monachis de Tirun in perpetuam elemosinam xv marcas argenti quas pater meus Henricus rex dederat eis habere singulis annis de thesauro Winton(ie). Et preter hoc adcrevi eis v marcas argenti in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris et matris mee et antecessorum meorum et mei ipsius singulis annis. Et has xx marcas argenti concedo eis de firma Winton(ie), in festo Sancti Michaelis x marcas argenti et in Pascha x marc(as). Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut qui firmam meam Winton(ie) tenuerit, reddat eis singulis annis in predictis terminis. Testibus Roberto episcopo Lundoniensi, et cancellario, et [David][1] reg(e) Scott(orum), et Wid(one) de Sablaill(o), et Pagano de Clara valle. Apud Oxenf(ordam).

[1] *MS.* A

MS.: Chartres, Archives d'Eure-et-Loir, *H. 1374, f. 49 (Tiron cartulary).
Printed: Merlet, *Cartulaire de l'abbaye de Tiron*, i. 109 (wrongly); *C.D.F.*, no. 999 (cal.).
Date: Matilda held Oxford for most of 1141 and 1142, but the King of Scots was with her there only in July 1141. Cf. *E.H.R.* lxxix. 305.

900. Tiron, Abbey of (April–Dec. 1154, at Le Mans)

Duke Henry confirms **899**

Henricus dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis et amicis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse monachis de Tirun in perpetuam elemosinam xx marcas argenti annuatim de teshauro[1] Winton(ie) illis reddendas, videlicet xv marcas quas rex H(enricus) eis dedit et mater mea confirmavit, et alias v marcas quas Matill(idis) imperatrix mater mea eis in incrementum dedit, sicut carta ipsius testatur. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ipsi singulis annis de firma Winton(ie) illas habeant in festo Sancti Michaelis x marcas et in Pascha x marcas. Et qui firmam Wint(onie) tenuerit illas sine omni disturbatione eis in predictis terminis reddat. Testibus Phil(ippo) Baioc(ensi)

[1] *Sic MS.*; h *interlined*

ep(iscop)o, Arnul(fo) Lexov(iensi) ep(iscop)o, Guill(elmo) Cenom(annensi) ep(iscop)o, Ric(ardo) de Hum(eto) c(on)stab(u)l(ari)o, Gaufr(ido) de Claers. Ap(ud) Cenom(anum).

MSS.: Winchester College, *W.C.M. 10627 (original, $8\frac{3}{10}'' \times 4\frac{7}{10}''$, written in the hand of *scriptar* xxiv (T.A.M.B., no. S. 68) with tongue and fragment of seal); Chartres, Archives d'Eure-et-Loir, H. 1374, f. 49v (cartulary).

Printed: T.A.M.B., pl. xxiv (facs.); Delisle–Berger, no. 72*; Merlet, *Cartulaire de l'Abbaye de Tiron*, ii. 37; *C.D.F.*, no. 1000 (cal.).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in France.

901. Tockenham, Roger de (probably April–May 1153, at Gloucester)

Duke Henry orders that Roger is to hold his land near the north gate of Gloucester as freely as in the time of Henry I

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitan(orum) et comes Andeg(avorum) Rog(ero) com(iti) Hereford(ie) et vicecom(iti) et omnibus baronibus suis et fidelibus et omnibus burgensibus de Gloec(estria) salutem. Precipio quod Rog(erus) de Tokeh(a)m teneat terram suam que est juxta portam de Nord ita liberam et quietam a sciris et hundredis et placitis et auxiliis et vigiliis et theloneis et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus quas habuit illa terra super portam tempore Henrici regis avi mei pro qua hec terra data est in escambium, ita quod nullus ei super hoc injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. T(este) Will(el)mo cancell(ario). Apud Gloec(estriam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *C. 115/A 5. 101, C. 115/A 6, f. 149 (Llanthony cartularies).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine and in the west of England. For the tenement see *Camden Miscellany*, xxii (1964), 14.

902. Troarn, Abbey of (1153–April 1154)

Duke Henry confirms lands in England

Henricus dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et confirmasse deo et Sancto Martino Troarni et monachis ibidem deo servientibus vel servituris, pro anima mea et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum et amicorum meorum, elemosinas quas habuerunt in toto regno Anglie tempore Henrici regis avi mei, scilicet Rogentonam et Horringeiam et Horsleyam que omnia Rogerus comes Scroberiensis predicto sancto dedit. Concedo etiam tres hidas terre quas Herluinus apud Walton, et decimas de Grafton et de Estretementon, et duas masuras in Cicestria, et decimam de Mersetona quam Orsmelinus dedit, et ecclesiam de Mundreham quam Torstinus de Fontanis dedit, et decimam de Norburna quam Radulphus Bastardus dedit, et decimam de Olfam quam Alscio dedit. Concedo etiam hoc quod Robertus de Romeliolo dedit, scilicet ecclesiam Sancti Andree de Witencher cum terra sacerdotum et decimis que ad ipsam villam pertinent, et ecclesiam de Mapeldra cum terra presbyteri et terra unius caruce cum pratis adjacentibus ipsi terre et decimis ipsius ville, et ecclesiam de Molanda cum sacerdote et decimis ipsius mansionis et terra ad unam carucam cum pratis, et tres hospites cum terra sua. Et in Espicewic unum hospitem, et ecclesiam de Warocle cum decimis quas ipse Robertus predicto sancto dedit. Et preter hoc volo et precipio quod decem hide de Horsleya se acquietent pro septem hidis de omnibus geldis et omnibus rebus sicut rex Henricus confirmavit per cartam suam. Et preter hec precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Martini de Troarno teneat bene et in pace terram et domos quas Johannes filius Gilberti predicte ecclesie dedit que sunt apud Wyntonam de feudo Sancti Petri de Hida. Testibus Willelmo cancellario, Reginaldo comite Cornubie, comite Gloecestrie, Roberto comite Leycestrie, Rogero comite Herfordie, Patricio comite Wiltescire, Hunfrido de Buhun dapifero, Ricardo de Humez constabulario, Elia Giffard.

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 11 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 6, Exchequer Transcripts, no. 23.

Printed: *Monast.* vi. 1105; *C.P.R. 1385–9*, 373; *Delisle–Berger, no. 65*; *Bruton Cartulary*, 79–81 (abstract).

Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine. Though there is no place-date, the witnesses show that the charter was given in England.

For the text cf. *Regesta* ii, no. 524 (*C.C.R.* iv. 282).

903. Twynham, Christchurch Priory (1150, at Winchester)

Spurious confirmation of the arrangements for the introduction of canons regular

Anno ab incarnatione Domini M°C°L° ego S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) concedo et confirmo introductionem canonicorum regularium in ecclesiam Christi de Twinham factam a venerabili patre in Christo H(enrico) Winton(iensi) episcopo et Balduwino comite Devon(ie) et Ric(ardo) filio ejus et Hilario decano. Et concedo et confirmo canonicis regularibus ibidem introductis et eorum successoribus omnia ten(ementa) et jura et libertates quas decani et canonici seculares predicte ecclesie Christi habuerunt, quod post mortem secularium canonicorum omnia eorum ten(ementa) et jura in manus regularium integre deveniant, ecclesiam scilicet de Bolra cum pertinentiis suis, capelle de Limi(n)tona et de Brokeherst, ecclesiam de Hordulla et de Milneford et ecclesiam de Soppeleia, terram de Stanputia ex donatione regis Willelmi sicut carta hujus dicit salvo invadiamento dudum facto ejusdem terre Alwrico p(ar)vo per Petrum olim decanum Christi ecclesie, terram de Huburia et de Presteton(a), terram de Hurna et terram de la Grave in insula Wiht, et terram de Ringwoide cum terra de Hampton(a) illi pertinente ex dono Ricardi de Redv(er)iis, terra(m) de Hapsa cum pertinentiis suis, [et] cetera ten(ementa) et jura et consuetudines et libertates secularium canonicorum et decanorum cum pertinentiis suis, ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis infra burgum et extra et in omnibus locis cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenetheof et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus et quietantiis eidem Christi ecclesie pertinentibus et sicut decani ipsius ecclesie easdem melius et liberius unquam tenuerunt. Et habeant in Nova Foresta turb(ar)ia(m) et brueriam quantum indig(u)erint et ducentos porcos quietos a pannagio, et pasturam liberam omnibus animalibus suis. Testibus H(enrico) Winton(iensi) episcopo, Bald(ewino) comite, et Ric(ardo) filio ejus, Rog(er)o de Mortuo-mare, Albric(o) de Ver, Will(elmo) Pev(er)el, Hub(er)to de Vals. Apud Winton(iam).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart R. 7 Ed. II, no. 17, Forest Proc. E 32/164, m. 18 (incomplete); B.M. Cotton MS. Tiberius D. vi, f. 145.

Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 233.

Date and authenticity: The witnesses are incompatible with the date stated in the text. Hilary the dean became Bishop of Chichester in 1147; Aubrey de Vere I d. in 1140 or 1141 by which time Aubrey II was styled count or earl. Baldwin de Redvers revolted in 1136 and was only created an earl by the empress in 1141. Hubert de Vaux witnessed charters for the empress and Duke Henry *c.* 1150–4 and is as much out of place at Winchester as at Stephen's court. The charter, whose form is in any case unusual, must therefore be rejected.

904. Tynemouth Priory (Feb. 1136, at York)

Freedom from castle-work at Newcastle and elsewhere in Northumberland

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) suis et vicecomitibus et baronibus et omnibus ministris suis de Northumbrel(and) salutem. Volo et precipio quod ecclesia et monachi de Tynemuda et tota terra et homines predicte ecclesie sint liberi et quieti de operibus Novi Castelli et omnium castellorum in Northumbreland, quia mea propria elemosina est. T(estibus) Rodb(erto) fil(io) Ric(ardi), et Hugone Bygod. Apud Ebor(acum).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 2 Ed. III, m. 20, and 9 Ed. II, m. 14.

Printed: W. S. Gibson, *History of the Monastery founded at Tynemouth*, App., no. xxvi; *C.C.R.* iii. 290.

Date: 1136 is more likely than 1138 because Robert fitz Richard (de Clare) is said to have died in 1137 (*G. de M.* 13 n.).

905. Tynemouth Priory (Feb. 1136 or Feb. 1138, at York)

Confirmation of the manor of Eglingham

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justiciariis et omnibus baronibus suis Francis et Anglis de Nort(humbreland) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancto Albano et monachis de Tinemutha manerium de Eguluingham sicut Nohe venator eis concessit cum omnibus ei manerio pertinentibus in silvis et in aquis et in plano sicut divise et mete statute demonstrant et testantur, cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis scilicet soca et saca, toll et team et infangenetheof. Et precipio ut ecclesia Sancti Oswini plene et integre totam illam et

omnia que ad eam pertinent habeat, et quod nulla alia in parochia ejus sit fundata. T[estibus Roberto de Ver], et H(ugone) Bigod. Apud Eboracum.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius E. vi, f. 124 (damaged), Lansdowne MS. 863, f. 79v (which supplies the *lacunae*).
Printed: Gibson, *Tynemouth Priory*, ii, App. xxvii.
Date: While Stephen was at York and supported by Hugh Bigod.
Gibson notes that in the agreement between Geoffrey Abbot of St. Albans and Cospatric fitz Cospatric (*c.* 1136) Eglingham is said to have been given not by *Nohe venator* but by *Winnoc piscator*.

906. Tynemouth Priory (Feb. 1136 or Feb. 1138, at Durham)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus ministris prepositis et omnibus fidelibus suis etc. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et Sancte Marie et Sancto Oswyno et monachis de Tynemutha tenere libere et quiete et honorifice omnia que tenuerunt die quo Henricus rex Anglorum fuit vivus et mortuus, in terris et in aquis, in decimis et in ecclesiis, in bosco et in plano, et in omnibus rebus sicut melius et honorabilius et quietius tenuerunt rege Henrico vivente. Et precipio quod Sancta Maria et Sanctus Oswinus et monachi de Tynemutha habeant curiam suam ita libere et plenarie in omnibus rebus sicut rex Henricus eis concessit per breve suum, cum soca et saca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et wreck, et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus sicut ego ipse habeo. Et volo quod defendatis et manuteneatis ecclesiam Sancte Marie et Sancti Oswini, que est elemosina mea de Tynemuth(a), et monachos et homines et omnes res ejusdem ecclesie sicut meam propriam elemosinam, et sicut rex Henricus precepit per breve suum. Et ne patiamini quod [aliquis eis inj]uriam vel contumeliam facit super forisfacturam meam. Testibus R(ogero) cancellario, et R(oberto) de Olli. Apud Dunelmum.

MSS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius E. vi, f. 93 (damaged), Lansdowne MS. 863, f. 79v (St. George's (imperfect) transcript from the above).
Printed: Gibson, *Tynemouth Priory*, ii, App. xxv (from Lansdowne MS.); *History of Northumberland*, viii. 58 n. (from Cotton MS.).
Date: Stephen's only recorded visits to Durham were in Feb. 1136 and (possibly) in Feb. 1138.

907. Tynemouth Priory (Feb. 1136 or Feb. 1138, at Durham)

The monks are allowed to make and have fisheries in their waters in Northumberland

Stephanus rex Anglorum justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et fidelibus suis de Northumberland salutem. Precipio et volo quod monachi de elemosina mea de Tinemuda faciant et habeant piscarias suas tales quales voluerint in aquis suis per totam Northumberland. [Et] super hoc nullus eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam faciat super x libras forisfacture. Testibus R(oberto) de Ver, et Roberto Aven(el). Apud Dunelm(um).

MSS.: P.R.O. Pat. R. 3 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 14, Chart. R. 2 Hen. IV, pt. i, m. 18.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1377–81*, 448; Gibson, *Tynemouth Priory*, ii, App. xxviii.
Date: Stephen's only recorded visits to Durham were in Feb. 1136 and (possibly) Feb. 1138.

908. Tynemouth Priory (1136–54, at St. Albans)

Freedom from tolls

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et vicecomitibus et ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Precipio quod omnes homines Sancti Oswini sint quieti de theloneo et passagio et omni consuetudine ubicunque vendant[1] vel emant vel conducant aliquid ad opus monachorum Sancti Oswini, sicut fuerunt quietiores tempore regis Henrici. Et nullus super hoc faciat eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam, nec in aliquo disturbet super forisfacturam meam. T(este) Bald(rico) de Sigillo. Apud S(anc)tu(m) Albanu(m).

[1] *MS.* vadant

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. *2 Ed. III, m. 20, and 9 Ed. II, m. 14.
Printed: Gibson, *Tynemouth Priory*, ii, App. xxix; *C.C.R.* iii. 290.

909. Le Valasse, Abbey of (1154–9, at Rouen)

The empress records the foundation of the abbey by herself and her son Henry II

Matill(idis) imperatrix H(enrici) regis filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie et Normannie tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me et H(enricum) regem filium meum fundasse abbatiam Sancte Marie de Voto de ordine Cisterciensi pro amore dei et pro anima H(enrici) regis patris mei et G(alfridi) comitis Andegavensis domini mei et M(atildis) regine matris mee, et pro animabus antecessorum et aliorum parentum nostrorum, et pro salute nostra et heredum nostrorum, et pro stabilitate et pace Anglie et Normannie. Et huic abbatie et monachis in ea deo servientibus dedimus in perpetuam elemosinam et confirmavimus totam vallem inter Insulam-bonam et Boleb(ec) in qua ipsa fundata est, et in foresta Fiscanni octingentas acras terre et Bellum-faiellum et boscum sicut via Gyreville dividit que dirigitur per vallem que vocatur Magnavallis usque ad Tyliam-anlupi. Cujus totius terre divise sunt iste: vallis p(re)dicta, vallis de Casa-Orgri, vallis de Sturnello usque ad Cantelupum et exinde per vallem que dicitur vallis Sequane usque ad calceia(m) que est in divisis de Theoboutot, et sicut termini Gyreville dividunt usque ad supradictam viam. Insuper concedimus eis et in elemosinam perpetuam confirmamus in utraque foresta, id est Insule-bone et Fiscanni, omnia aisiamenta sua cum omnimoda libertate pasnagii et pasture, et ligna et materiem ad domos suas faciendas et ad alias res usui suo necessarias. Preterea concedimus eis et confirmamus omnes donationes que eis rationabiliter facte sunt, sicut carte donatorum testantur: ex dono W(alteri) comitis Giffardi unum pondus salis apud Luram singulis annis; ex dono G(aleranni) comitis Mell(enti) totam Haiam-Linthot cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et quecumque de cetero juste et rationabiliter adquirere poterunt eis concedimus et confirmamus. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus ut abbatia predicta et monachi in ea deo servientes hec omnia predicta habeant et in perpetuam elemosinam teneant in pace et libere et quiete et integre et honorifice cum omnimodis libertatibus et quietantiis suis de thelon(eis) et passagiis et assisis et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus nobis pertinentibus. T(estibus) H(ugone) archiep(iscop)o Rothom(agensi), Phil(ippo) Baioc(ensi), Arn(ulfo) Luxov(iensi), Rotr(odo) Ebroic(ensi) episcopis; G(alerano) com(ite) Mell(enti), Walt(ero) com(ite) Giff(ard), Rob(erto) d(e) Novoburgo, God(ardo) d(e) Vals, W(illelmo) de Herl(ouins). Ap(ud) Rothomagum.

MSS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar. *18 H. 1 (original, $7\frac{1}{4}'' \times 9\frac{3}{4}''$, with white leather thong (for seal) passed through two slits in the fold, and one blue string threaded through whole in bottom right corner. Seal missing.) Copies in an *inspeximus* and in the cartulary f. 12 (both also in 18 H. 1).

Printed: *Neustria Pia*, 852; *Journ. B.A.A.* xxxi. 397; *Chron. Valassense*, 94.

Date: After Henry II had become king and before the death of Robert de Neufbourg (1159).

910. Le Valasse, Abbey of (1164–7)

The empress grants the land of Gromhef

Mathildis imperatrix Henrici regis filia omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quoniam ego emi ab Aelixa uxore Februarii et filiis ejus pro quadraginta libris Andegavensium totam terram apud Gromhef que erat de feoudo ecclesie Sancte Marie de Voto, de qua terra reddebant annuatim eidem ecclesie xx^{ti} solidos pro censu. Hanc terram dedi in perpetuam elemosinam prefate ecclesie pro salute anime mee et Henrici regis Anglie filii mei, et pro anima Henrici regis patris mei et Gaufridi comitis Andegav(ensis) et pro animabus filiorum meorum Gaufridi et Willelmi et aliorum antecessorum meorum. Et ut istud firmiter et indissolubiter teneatur sigilli mei impressione signavi, ne deinceps ecclesia aliqua perturbatione sollicitetur super hoc quod testimonio legalium virorum factum est. Testibus Willelmo de Mala-palude, Regilnado de Gerponvilla, Waltero Silvano, Roberto de Willech, et Willelmo filio ejus, Rogero de Walchef, Bernardo Cumin, Hugone de Meondin, Waltero filio Ernoldi, Luca de Cransmanil, Valtero de Bosobosco, Johanne fratre ejus, et confirmatione donatorum prout scripta declarant.

MS.: Rouen, Archives de la Seine-Mar., *Cartulary of Le Valasse, f. 14.

Printed: *Chron. Valassense*, 38.

Date: After 1164 as Matilda's sons Geoffrey and William are both dead. Matilda d. 10 Sept. 1167.

911. Valognes, Roger de (Midsummer 1141, at Westminster)

The empress restores Essendon and Bayford (Herts.) and all the other lands etc. of his father

M(atildis) imperatrix regis H(enrici) filia archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Rogero de Valoniis in feodo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis Esendenam et Begefordiam et molendina Hertfordie et servitium Albani de Hairon' et omnes alias terras et tenaturas patris sui sicut pater suus eas tenuit die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et preter hoc quicquid modo tenet de quocunque teneat. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in turbariis, in via et semita, in exitibus, in aquis et molendinis, in vivariis et stagnis, in foro et navium applicationibus, infra burgum et extra cum socha et saka et thol et theam et infangenethef et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus et quietantiis cum quibus pater suus melius et quietius et liberius tenuit tempore patris mei regis Henrici et ipse post patrem. Testibus R(oberto) com(ite) Gloec(estrie), et M(ilone) Gloec(estrie), et Brient(io) fil(io) Com(itis), et Rad(ulfo) Painel, et Walchel(ino) Maminot, et Humfr(ido) de Buh(un). Apud Westmonasterium.

MS.: P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, 10 (k) memb. 1 (dorse), no. 24.
Printed: **Cartae Antiquae* (Pipe Roll Soc., N.S. xvii, 1939), 144; Round, *G. de M.* 286; *Reg. de Panmure*, ii. 118.

Vere, Aubrey de, *see* Oxford, Earl of.

912. Vescy, William de (1153–4)

Duke Henry confirms the gift made to William by his father [Eustace fitz John] and all his rights in Normandy and England

Henricus dux Norman(norum) et Aquit(anorum) et com(es) Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Noveritis me concessisse et confirmasse Will(el)m(o) de Vescy donationem quam pater suus illi fecit, et omnia tenementa [sua][1] que juste tenuit die quo[2] homagium mihi fecit, de quocumque illa teneret, et omnia jura sua in Normannia et in Anglia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio ut ipse et heredes sui omnia illa bene et in pace, libere, quiete, juste et honorifice, in feodo et hereditate teneant de me et heredibus meis, sive de dominis de quibus ea teneri debuerint cum omnibus libertatibus suis que ad liberum feodum pertinent.

[1] *Dodsworth omits* sua [2] *Martin* qua

MSS.: Syon Ho., Brentford: The Percy Cartulary, f. 115; Bodl. Lib.,* Dodsworth MS. 74, f. 27 (from the above).
Printed: M. T. Martin (ed.), *The Percy Cartulary* (Surtees Soc. cx), 294 (incomplete).
Date: Henry Duke of Aquitaine.

913. Walden Priory (1140–3, at Guildford)

Confirmation of the grant of churches made by Earl Geoffrey de Mandeville

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo illam donationem quam comes Gaufridus fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Jacobi de Waledena et monachis ibidem deo servientibus de ecclesiis de Eadelinetone et de Enefelda et de Seabrithesworda et de Waltham et de omnibus ecclesiis suis de toto dominio suo sicut ille deliberabantur et de omnibus decimis et terris et molendinis et piscariis de dominiis suis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi prefati hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant bene et in pace libere et quiete in bosco in plano in pratis et pasturis in aquis et molendinis et piscariis, in ecclesiis et terris et omnibus aliis rebus et pannagiis cum saca et socna et tol et theam et infangenetheof, et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus sicut comes Gaufridus illas eis dedit et concessit et carta

sua confirmavit. T(estibus) Roberto de V(er), et Willelmo Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Vald(er)i. Apud Geldeford(e).

MSS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3697, f. 30; Cotton MS. Vitellius F. iv, f. 328v.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 151.
Date: These churches were granted by Geoffrey de Mandeville in his foundation charter (Harley 3697, f. 18) when he was already an earl.

914. Walden Priory (1136–54 (probably after 1145), at Bishop's Stortford)

Grant of a fair at the church

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lond(oniensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Essex(ie) et totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie et (*sic*) Sancti Jacobi de Waledena et monachis ibidem deo servientibus quod habeant feriam apud ecclesiam suam singulis annis vigilia Sancti Jacobi apostoli in estate et die festi ejusdem apostoli. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod supradicta ecclesia et monachi feriam illam bene et in pace libere et quiete habeant et teneant, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, et solutam et quietam ab omni seculari exactione et servitio. Et omnes illuc eundo et in illa et inde redeundo in eam firmam pacem habeant cum omnibus mercatis et catallis suis, ne super hoc aliquis eis forisfaciat, neque eos disturbet, super x lib(ras) forisfacture. T(estibus) Com(ite) Simon(e), et Willelmo de Meduana, et Roberto de Valdari, et Rain(aldo) filio Com(itis). Apud Storteford.

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3697, f. 30.
Printed: *Monast.* iv. 151.
Date: The strict limits are 1136–54, but as Geoffrey de Mandeville (the founder) is not mentioned, it is probably after 1143. Quite possibly Reginald fitz Count took the place of Turgis of Avranches at Walden in 1145 when Turgis revolted.

915. Waltham, Canons of (1135–52)

Grant of Waltham to his wife, Queen Matilda

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lond(oniensi) salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Math(il)d(i) regine uxori mee Walth(am) cum omnibus ei adjacentibus et servitium canonicorum et hominum eorum cum sacha et socha et tol et tem et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus infra burgum et extra, infra tempus et extra, et in terra et in aquis. Et volo atque precipio ut omnes sui homines atque homines canonicorum predicte ville sint quieti de omnibus hundredis et sciris et placitis et de omni warda et scotis et geldis et omnibus querelis. Et si quis ex hominibus predicte ville de aliqua re calumpniatus fuerit, veniat ad curiam regi(n)e, ibique canonici regulariter respondeant et laici secundum regulam secularem. T(estibus) etc.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius C. ix, f. 49v.
Printed: Stubbs, *The Foundation of Waltham Abbey* (1861), p. 52 (no. 7).
The text is almost identical with that of the two charters of Henry I giving Waltham to *his* wife and queen, Matilda (*Regesta*, ii. 525), and Stubbs, op. cit., p. 50 (nos. 2–3)).

916. Waltham, Canons of (1135–54)

Grant of liberties to the canons

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Lond(oniensi) etc. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse ecclesie et canonicis Sancte Crucis de Waltham omnes illas libertates et consuetudines et quietancias et sacham et socham et tol et them et infangenethef et omnes rectitudines quas habuerunt tempore regis Henrici avunculi mei, infra burgam et extra, infra tempus et extra, in terris et in aquis et in omnibus aliis locis sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. Et volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et canonici et terre eorum et homines eorum sint quieti [de] sciris et hundredis et placitis et de omni warda et omni scotto et geldo et auxilio vic(ecomitis) et aliis rebus et querelis. Et si quis aliquem ex hominibus suis de aliqua re calumpniatus fuerit, veniat ad curiam Sancte Crucis de Waltham, et ibi canonici regulariter respondeant et laici secundum legem secularem. Et precipio quod homines eorum ita bene

sint quieti de theloneo et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus per totam Angliam sicut fuerunt tempore Mathildis regine et sicut carta regis testatur. T(estibus) . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius C. ix, f. 50.
Printed: Stubbs, *Foundation of Waltham Abbey*, p. 52 (no. 8).
Date: This cannot be determined. Both Henry I's Queen Matilda (d. 1118) and Stephen's Queen Matilda (d. 1152) were patrons of Waltham. So was Henry I's Queen Adeliza (from *c.* 1121), but it is not known whether she held it till her death in 1151, or whether Stephen dispossessed her, either before or after 1141. The reference to the *carta regis* is presumably to that of Henry I.

917. Waltham, Canons of (1135–52)

Queen Matilda grants freedom from gelds and scots

Mathildis Anglorum regina etc. salutem. Sciatis me clamasse quietum totum dominicum canonicorum Sancte Crucis de Waltham de omnibus geldis et scottis perpetualiter, et nolo quod amplius de dominio canonicorum aliquid requiratur, set semp(er) sit quietum pro salute domini mei regis et mea, sicut fuit tempore Mathildis regine amite mee.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius C. ix, f. 52.
Printed: Stubbs, *Foundation of Waltham Abbey*, p. 55 (no. 18).

918. Waltham, Canons of (*c.* 1141)

The empress grants Waltham to Queen Adeliza

Mathildis imperatrix regis Henrici filia et Anglie domina omnibus vicecomitibus etc. salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse Adelicie regine uxori regis Henrici patris mei Waltham cum omnibus ei adjacentibus et servitia canonicorum et hominum eorum cum sacha et socha et tol et team et infangenethef et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus infra burgum et extra, infra tempus et extra, in terra et in aqua. Et volo et precipio ut omnes sui homines predicte ville et canonicorum sint quieti de sciris et hundredis et warda et placitis. Et si quis aliquem ex suis hominibus aut ex hominibus canonicorum de aliquo calumpniatus fuerit, veniat ad curiam regine et canonicorum ad Waltham, et ibi canonici regulariter respondeant et laici secundum legem secularem. Et precipio quod homines regine et canonicorum de Waltham ita bene sint quieti de theloneo et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus per totam Angliam sicut melius fuerunt tempore Mathildis regine. T(estibus) etc. Ita dico sicut rex Henricus carta sua confirmavit. Test(ibus) eisdem.

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Tiberius C. ix, f. 50.
Printed: Stubbs, *Foundation of Waltham Abbey*, p. 52 (no. 9).
Date: 1141 is the only plausible date for the empress giving a charter concerning Essex. For the text cf. 915 and note.

919. Warden Abbey (Feb. 1136, at York)

Confirming the foundation of the abbey with monks from Rievaulx by Walter Espec

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Scitote me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Essartis et monachis ibidem deo servientibus qui de abbatia Riesvallis exierunt ut ibi abbatiam faciant tota essarta de Wardona et de Sudgivele et totum illud boscum de illis duabus villis per illas divisas et metas quas Walterus Espec qui hec eis donavit illis fecit et statuit, et sicut carta sua confirmavit. Et preter hoc concedo eis omnia aisiamenta sua in omnibus boscis ipsius Walteri, scilicet materiem et ligna ad proprios usus suos et pannagia et herbagia et pascua, quieta ab omni consuetudine sicut Walterus quietius habet (*sic*) ad suum opus proprium. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant de omnibus auxiliis et geldis et danegeldis et murdris et assisis et placitis et omnibus occasionibus et querelis et scutagiis et omnibus consuetudinibus et omni terreno servitio quod michi vel Waltero vel successoribus meis vel suis umquam pertineat—nunc et usque in sempiternum ea omnino eis quieta et soluta clamo. Et regia auctoritate et adeo michi collata potestate ista et omnina (*sic*) illius et aliorum fidelium dona illi

ecclesie inperpetuum obtinenda confirmo et illibate permanenda statuo et corroboro. Testibus Turstino archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi), et Alixandro episcopo Linc(olniensi), et Audino episcopo Ebroic(ensi), et Johanne episcopo Sag(iensi), et Adelardo episcopo Carl(eolensi), et Rogero cancellario, et Henrico de Soilli, et R(oberto) de Ver, et R(oberto) de Curci, et Willelmo Mart(el), et Hugone Bigoto, et Waltero Espec, et Gaufrido de Trailli, et aliis omnibus nepotibus et heredibus Walteri tunc viventibus. Apud Eboracum anno incarnationis dominice millesimo centesimo tricesimo quinto, set regni mei primo, in Cristo perfecto feliciter.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 14 Ed. I, m. 2; B.M. Add. MS. 6166, f. 153 (from Chart. R.).
Printed: *G. H. Fowler, *Cartulary of Old Warden Abbey* (Beds. Hist. Rec. Soc. xiii, 1930), no. 344a; *Monast.* v. 372.
Date: As in text. Cf. **99** and **335**.

920. Warden Abbey (1139–53, at Oxford)

Confirmation of the woods of Ravensho and Midloe (Hunts.), the latter given by Walter Abbot of Ramsey

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis et comitibus et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie[1] salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie de Wardona et monachis ibidem deo servientibus boscum de Ravensho qui pertinebat ad Godmuncestram; et preterea confirmasse illis donationem illam quam Walterus abbas Rameseye et conventus monachorum Ramesiensis ecclesie eis fecerunt de bosco de Middelholm ad constituendam ibidem quandam grangiam ad usum ecclesie sue. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia Wardone et monachi terram et teneuram boscorum illorum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant et in perpetuam elemosinam possideant solutam et quietam de omni exactione et seculari servitio. Testibus Willelmo comite Lincolnie, et comite Simone, et Baldewino filio Gisleberti, et Ranulfo de Baiocis. Apud Oxenefordiam.

[1] *MS.* Anglis

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 14 Ed. I, m. 2.
Printed: **C.C.R.* ii. 334; G. H. Fowler, op. cit., no. 344*b*.
Date: The Earl of Lincoln could be either William d'Aubigny (1139–41) or William de Roumare (1141–7). The former is more likely (though not certain) because Ranulf of Bayeux's only other known attestation for Stephen as king was for **279**, also given at Oxford but in 1136–9.

921. Waverley Abbey (1140, at Waverley)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod ego pro dei amore et salute anime regis Henrici et animarum patrum et parentum meorum, necnon pro incolumitate mea et M(atildis) uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et puerorum et fratrum meorum, et pro statu regni mei, concessi et auctoritate regia et nobis concessa potestate confirmavi in perpetuam possessionem deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Waverleiaco et abbati et monachis in ea Cistellensibus secundum ordinem Sancti Benedicti viventibus hec omnia subscripta dona que eis a venerabili Henr(ico) Wynt(oniensi) episcopo fratre meo et meipso et aliis fidelibus Christi canonice et legaliter data sunt, queque ipsis in futurum a quibuscumque fuerint legitime collata et concessa, quod quidem feci prece et requisitione prefati fratris mei, patris et fundatoris et episcopi sui et ecclesie prefate, videlicet locum in quo ecclesia fundata est cum aisiamentis suis ex dono episcopi fratris mei prefati; et apud Sudtonam unam hidam et tres virgatas; ex dono meo Netham cum omnibus appendiciis suis in bosco et plano et pasturis et pratis et essartis et molendinis et bordariis et aquis et viis et semitis et stagnis et omnibus aliis rebus quecunque sint eidem Netham pertinentibus; ex dono Adelicie regine uxoris regis Henrici culturas de Berchewerda et boscum Norholt et pasturas pertinentes; ex dono Ricardi de Aquila ii hidas apud Oxeneford cum omnibus pertinentiis; ex dono Radulfi vicecomtis in Rihella i hidam cum pratis et pascuis et pertinentiis; ex dono Ingelrami de Abernum i hidam in Hocchessata cum omnibus pertinentiis;

ut itaque hec omnia que eis data sunt vel in futurum legitime fuerint data et concessa illi ecclesie in sempiternum illibata et inconcussa permaneant, cartam istam presentis sigilli mei impressione corroboro et subscriptorum testimonio communio. Habeat autem ecclesia ista in omnibus possessionibus suis omnem quietationem et libertatem de placitis de querelis et geldis et danegeldis et auxiliis et operationibus et omnibus exactionibus et servitiis terrenis quas liberius habent alie ecclesie regni mei quecunque sint et cujuscunque sint, quia eam et omnia sua tanquam propriam elemosinam meam in regie protectionis tutelam et proprie manus mee defensionem suscipio. Testibus Eustachio filio et h(er)ede meo, et M(atilde) regina uxore mea, et Will(elm)o comite de Albamarla, et Ingelr(amo) de Sai, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et R(ogero) de Fisc(anno), et Rad(ulfo) canc(ellario) regine, et Gohero de Alneto, et Hug(one) filio Bern(ardi) de Novo Castello, et Rob(erto) de Relism fratre suo, et Rob(erto) Avenell, et Ingelr(amo) Pisce. Apud Vaverliacum, anno incarnationis dominice MCXL, regni vero nostri quinto.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 11 Ed. II, m. 9.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 372.

922. Waverley Abbey (*c.* 1150, at London)

Confirmation of the grant of Combe (Warws.) to found a new abbey

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justici(iis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quia concedo et confirmo pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Mathild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustac(hii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum illam donationem quam comes Simon Northamt(onie) fecit abbati de Waverlega et monachis de manerio de Cumba et de ejus pertinentibus ad quandam abbatiam construendam in nomine domini. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice ab omni seculari exactione teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus sicut alii monachi Anglie de ordine suo melius et liberius et quietius tenent possessiones suas. Testibus Will(elm)o de Ipra, et Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Ric(ardo) de Luci. Apud Lond(oniam).

MSS.: Col. A. Gregory-Hood, Loxley Hall, Warwick (original, 6 $\frac{3}{16}$″ × 3 $\frac{9}{16}$″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxi, with stub of tongue but no seal). Copy in P.R.O. Pat. R. 20 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 30.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1396–9*, 55.
Date: Combe Abbey was founded by Richard de Camville in 1150 (*Annales Monastici* (R.S.), ii. 233).

923. Welbeck Abbey (20 Dec. 1153–25 Oct. 1154)

Confirmation of the gift of Clowne (Derby) by Ralph de Belfou

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Eboracshir(e) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse donationem quam Radulfus de Bellaffago fecit deo et ecclesie Sancti Jacobi de Wellebex et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus de terra sua de Cluna de feodo suo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod terram illam in perpetuam elemosinam datam teneant et habeant cum bosco et plano et in omnibus locis et planis et rebus ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem terre pertinentibus, sicut predictus Radulfus de Bellaffago illam eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus Hugone episcopo Dunhelmensi . . . .

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 3640, f. 120 (Welbeck cartulary).
Date: While Hugh was Bishop of Durham and Stephen king; Ralph de Belfou's charter (ibid., f. 120) *favente Stephano rege* was witnessed by Hugh Bishop of Durham, Richard de Lucy, and Baldric de Sigillo.

924. Wells, [Cathedral] church of (1143–54 at London)

Grant of the churches of North Curry and Petherton (Som.) for the establishment of prebends

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] episcopo Bath[oniensi] et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis de Sumerset salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse

deo et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Well(es) et Roberto episcopo ecclesias de Northcuri et de Perretona ad faciendum prebendas in ecclesia de Well(es) in perpetuam elemosynam. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Wellens(is) et Robertus et successores sui episcopi Bathon(ienses) teneant et habeant has prefatas ecclesias in prebendas liberas et quietas sicut habent alias prebendas suas. Testibus H(enrico)[1] episcopo Wint(oniensi), et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Willelmo Mart(el). Apud London(iam).

[1] *Reg. iii* Hugone

MSS.: Wells, D. and C.; *Reg. i, f. 11, and Reg. iii, f. 26.
Printed: *Monast.* ii. 289 (no. xiv) (imperfect).
Date: Richard de Lucy not in England before 1139. As Bishop Henry is not described as papal legate, the date is presumably not in the period 1 March 1139–24 Sept. 1143. Archbishop Theobald confirmed the grant (referring to Stephen's own charter) *c.* 1150–4 (Saltman, *Theobald*, no. 272).

925. Westminster Abbey (1136–7, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the abbey's grant of land to Richard de Balta in Hampstead (Mddx.)

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lundon(iensi) et justic(iario) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus ejus de Middelsexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Ric(ardo) de Balta et heredibus suis terram de feodo abbatis Westm(onasterii) de Hamesteda, reddendo inde quoquo anno abbati et monachis xl solidos de censu sicut abbas et capitulum ei concesserunt per cartam suam. Et volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice teneant jure hereditario cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et rebus illi terre pertinentibus. T(estibus) episcopo Sar(esberiensi), et R(oberto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 120v.
Date: Robert fitz Richard is said to have died *c.* 1137 (Round, *G. de M.* 13).

926. Westminster Abbey (1135–7, at Westminster)

Gilbert de Hendon is to hold the land in Hendon (Mddx.) which the abbey has granted him

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) abbati de Westm(onasterio) et conventui et omnibus ministris ejusdem abbatie salutem. Precipio quod Gisleb(ertus) de Hendona teneat terram suam de Hendona quam tenet in feodi firma ita bene et in pace sicut abbates Gisl(ebertus) et Herb(ertus) et capitulum de Westm(onasterio) ei per cartam suam concesserunt. Et super hoc prohibeo quod nullus ei inde faciat injuriam vel contumeliam, ita ne audiam inde clamorem. T(estibus) H(ugone) Bigot, et Rob(erto) filio Ric(ardi). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 124.
Date: As for **925.** Hugh Bigot is also an early witness.

927. Westminster Abbey (1136–9, at Clare)

The men in St. Peter's soke to be quit of husting court and folkmoot

Stephanus rex Angl(orum) Andr(ee) Bucc(uinte) et civibus Lond(onie) salutem. Precipio quod homines qui sunt in soca Sancti Petri sint quieti de husting et fulchesmot ita bene et plene sicut carta eorum testatur quod quieti inde esse debeant. Et si quis super hoc quicquam v(er)s(us) eos clamaret, sit inde rectum ubi justum fuerit. Teste Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Clare.

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 98v.
Date: Andrew Buccuinte was justiciar of London till 1139, but during that year was replaced by Osbert Eightpence.

928. Westminster Abbey (13 Dec. 1138, at Westminster)

General confirmation of lands and liberties (including sanctuary); a forgery

☧ In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Ego Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum successoribus meis regibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus optimatibus cunctisque fidelibus qui sub ditione mea sunt clericis et

laicis salutem eterne felicitatis et pacis. Summum in regibus ac principibus bonum est justiciam dei colere, sanctam ejus ecclesiam exaltare et honorare, quia qui eam exaltant et honorant cum ea et in ea et per eam exaltantur et honorantur. Prevenit cor meum gratia dei, ut quod ab antecessoribus meis regibus collatum est ejus ecclesie mea firmetur auctoritate. Ecclesia namque beati Petri apostolorum principis que Westmonasterium dicitur, in qua deo donante consecratus sum in regem, ita in primis liberam et quietam, tam ab omni exactione episcopali quam a seculari esse volo, sicut per auctoritatem summorum pontificum Leonis ac Nicholai et per cartam gloriosi regis Eadwardi cognati mei, cujus corpus in eadem ecclesia collocatum est, celebriter confirmatum fuisse constat. Pro salute itaque anime mee et pro honore ejusdem regis Eadwardi, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum, accipio in manu mea et defensione totum honorem predicte ecclesie ejusdem apostoli. Et ideo videte sicut amorem meum diligitis ne faciatis nec fieri consentiatis injuriam nec torturam in omnibus possessionibus suis, nec ut aliquis socam vel sacham aut leges aut consuetudines aut ulla omnino que illius juris sunt tollat vel minuat. Pro magnifica siquidem dignitate sive regali excellentia ipsius ecclesie et pro quiete monachorum ibidem deo famulantium, tantus honor eidem ecclesie habeatur inperpetuum et observetur, ut neque nos neque successores nostri neque quilibet episcopus nec quicunque de judiciaria potestate in ipsam sanctam basilicam vel in manentes in ipsa vel in homines qui cum suis terris vel qualibuscunque substantiis ad ipsam tradere vel devovere se voluerint nisi per voluntatem abbatis et suorum monachorum ullam unquam habeant potestatem, sed sit hec sancta mater ecclesia peculiaris patroni nostri domini et magni apostoli Beati Petri libera et absoluta ab omni invasione vel inquietudine omnium hominum cujuscunque ordinis vel potestatis esse videantur. Preterea in perpetuo confirmo ut quisquis fugitivorum de quocunque loco pro quacunque causa cujuscunque conditionis sit ipsum sanctum locum vel procinctum ejus fugiens intraverit membrorum suorum ac vite impunitatem consequatur. Confirmo etiam omnes donationes terrarum vel ecclesiarum aut aliarum rerum que ibi ab antecessoribus meis regibus seu a quibuscunque ante me donate sunt, necnon et illas quas vel ego vel optimates mei vel etiam quilibet de civibus intra Lundoniam donaverant, tam terras quam consuetudines et omnia jura qualiumcunque causarum in omnibus terris que vel in Lundonia vel in aliis quibuscunque locis predicto monasterio adjacent vel adiciende sunt per gratiam dei. Huic libertati concedo additamentum anglice scriptum, scilicet mundbryce, burchbryce, mischenninge, sceawinge, hlastinge, fridhsocne, flemenefyrmþe, wesgelþeof, uthleap, forhpheang, þihpheang, feardwite, fihtwite, blodwite, weardwite, heangwite, hamsocne, forsteal, infongeneþeof, sache, socne, toll end team aliasque omnes leges et consuetudines que ad me pertinent. Volo etiam et concedo et firmiter precipio ut Sanctus Petrus et monachi ejusdem ecclesie bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice in urbe et extra teneant terras suas et homines aquas aquarumve decursus, molendina, prata, pascua, segetes, paludes, piscationes, piscarias, silvas, venationes, et omnia sua libera ab omni regia consuetudine et ab omni collectione census que geld vel scot anglice nominatur. Insuper itaque eos quietos clamo ab omnibus placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et ab omnibus rebus et occasionibus et ab omni castelli seu quocunque servili opere et legibus et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent. Similiter vero ut nullis unquam graventur oneribus expeditionum nec pontium restructione vel furis apprehensione ab omni exactione et angaria regalium et episcopalium ministrorum et aliarum qualiumcunque causarum sint expediti sic liberaliter et firmiter sicut unquam melius et quietius et honorificentius beate memorie Eadwardus rex eis concesserat, et sicut per autentica privilegia carte ejusdem benignissimi regis et predecessorum ejus confirmatum est. Si enim placitum de murthro vel latrocinio terre sue evenerit, sic placitet inde et in illis locis sicut predicta carta testatur et precipit. Similiter et de omnibus aliis placitis. Defendo etiam et pleniter prohibeo ne ullus eis molestus sit in terra sive in aqua, neque vicecomes aut aliquis alius in aliquo de omnibus que ecclesie illius sunt se penitus intromittat aut per ullam occasionem, nisi abbas aut monachi ad utilitatem monasterii, quia nullo modo consentire volo ut quisquam hanc ecclesie Sancti Petri libertatem unquam infringere presumat. Cujus etenim libertatis regalem munificentiam ad laudem et gloriam omnipotentis dei concedo in honorem et exaltationem et tuitionem prefate ecclesie summi apostolorum principis pro spe remunerationis eterne et remissione meorum delictorum et parentum meorum

et pro statu regni mei, ut deus per suam gratiam stabiliat et confirmet mihi regnum et filiis meis et heredibus eorum, maxime autem ut animam meam collocare dignetur in eterna requie cum suis fidelibus, et pro salute anime dulcissime mentionis supramemorati regis Eadwardi cognati mei, quatinus ob reverentiam et dignitatem predicti beati apostoli ipsius ecclesia ubi reliquie ejus virtutum miraculis indesinenter choruscant, quam sane predictus gloriosus rex multum amando in sepulturam sue beate requiei preelegit, et in qua ipse oleo sancte unctionis perunctus et corona regia adeo per pontificales manus celebriter coronatus sum, omnimodam libertatem perpetualiter possideat. Preterea omnia que ad ipsam pertinent sint omnino libera, terre culte et inculte cum exitibus atque reditibus, celle, ecclesie, cimiteria, decime, redditus, servitia, debita, oblationes, luminaria, causarum discussiones, emendationes aut ecclesiastice vel seculares, et cuncta que idem monasterium a sui principio usque ad presens concessione pontificum, liberalitate regum aliorumque principum, atque oblatione fidelium optinuit vel in futurum optinebit, eorum pro quorum sustentatione concessa sunt atque concedentur usibus profutura honorifice sanctita atque inviolabiliter confirmata auctoritate apostolica, sanctorum scilicet Leonis et Nicholai qui in eorundem regum temporibus sancte Romane ecclesie prefuerunt. Universa etiam que ab eorum institutionibus processerunt nullis perturbationibus violanda perpetuo rata et integra illibataque mee regie confirmationis libertatem perhennem concedendo devotus constituo. Confirmo etiam privilegia antiquorum regum et ex nomine sancte Trinitatis et omnium sanctorum nostra etiam regia auctoritate cartam fieri jussi, ut nullus unquam succedentium regum episcoporum principum comitum vicecomitum procuratorum sive aliorum regum clientium vel alia quelibet magna vel parva persona pastum, censum, vel impensionem, castrorum vel pontium reedificationem, xenia seu munuscula vel aliud quidlibet ab ecclesia illa vel a terris ad eam pertinentibus per vim aut per consuetudinem exigat, non opera, non tributa vel expeditiones ad se trahat, sed exclusa penitus exactione vel angaria cunctarum consuetudinum omnia sicut in manu mea habueram melius plenius et liberius ita cum omnimoda libertate sint concessa eidem ecclesie in terra et in aqua, in urbe et extra, in domo et extra, in villa et extra, in via et extra, in placito, in soca et saca, in theloneo, in furis apprehensione et emissione et in sanguinis effusione, in campis et silvis, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis, in piscariis, in molendinis et omnibus suis appendiciis, quatinus ipsa reli[gi]osa contio pro remedio anime mee et omnium benefactorum ejusdem ecclesie pervigiles persolvat deprecationes, et more sapientium virginum oleum bone actionis servans sub habitu religionis Christo domino et ejus beato apostolo Petro indefesse deserviat. Universa igitur hec que hujus decreti constitutionisque nostre presens continet pagina jam olim ut supra p(re)notavimus a reverende memorie precellentissimorum predecessorum meorum regum sanctionis statuto inconvulso more regio confirmata sunt. Quisquis autem successorum meorum hanc donationis libertatem firmiter atque inviolabiliter custodierit eterna coronetur claritate celestisque regni plena perfruatur felicitate. Si quis vero, quod absit, eam destruere voluerit v[el] hujus nostri decreti contradictor convulsor et temerator extiterit cum Juda proditore eterno anathemati subjaceat nisi deo et beato apostolo Petro digna penitentia satisfecerit. Ut ergo hec auctoritas nostris et futuris temporibus circa ipsum sanctum locum perhenniter firma et inviolata permaneat, vel per omnia tempora illesa custodiatur atque conservetur, et ab omnibus optimatibus nostris et judicibus publicis et privatis melius ac certius credatur, manus nostre subscriptionibus subter eam decrevimus roborare et idoneos testes annotare atque sigillo nostro jussimus sigillare. Ego Stephanus dei gratia Anglorum rex hoc privilegium jussi componere et compositum cum signo dominice crucis confirmando impressi. ✠. Ego Mathildis regina omni alacritate m(en)tis hoc corroboravi. ✠. Ego Teotbaldus sancte metropolis ecclesie Cantuariensis episcopus confirmavi. ✠. Ego Henricus episcopus Wintoniensis ecclesie consignavi. ✠. Ego Rogerius episcopus Sareberiensis ecclesie consentiens subscripsi. ✠. Ego Alexander episcopus Lincolniensis ecclesie consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Nigellus Eliensis ecclesie episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Gaufridus Dunholmensis ecclesie episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rodbertus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rodbertus (*sic*) episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Ælverardus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rodbertus (*sic*) episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Symon episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego

Bernardus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Æthulfus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Safredus[1] episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rogerius episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Gaufridus abbas Sancti Albani applausi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Ingulfus abbas Abbendonensis ecclesie consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego abbas Walterius Egneshamensis ecclesie confirm(avi) et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rodbertus abbas Thornensis ecclesie consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Walterius abbas Ramesiensis ecclesie consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Martinus abbas Burgensis ecclesie confirm(avi) et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Rogerius abbas Theokesberiensis ecclesie confirm(avi) et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Eadwardus Radingensis ecclesie abbas consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Gislebertus Colecestrensis abbas consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Acta sunt autem hec in eadem sede regali et in ipso monasterio beati Petri Apostoli anno incarnationis dominice MCMXXX^{mo}VIII^{vo}, pontificatus autem domini Pape Innocentii anno ix^{no}, regni vero mei anno iii^{o}, habito in predicto loco universali totius Anglie concilio, presente viro religioso domino Alberico Ostiensi episcopo, Sancte Romane ecclesie legato et presidente eidem concilio, mense Decembri tertia decima die mensis. Affuerunt etiam quidam comites regni mei et barones quam plurimi et innumera multitudo cleri et populi qui his omnibus interfuerunt et religioso favore voluntatem et assensum auctoritatis nostre pagine et privilegio prebuerunt ad laudem et gloriam omnipotentis dei, cui sit honor et imperium per omnia secula seculorum. Amen.

[1] pelochin *above the line*

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxiii (pretended originat, $27\frac{2}{5}'' \times 18\frac{3}{4}''$, unsealed; in the hand of a twelfth-century Westminster forger who also wrote **929, 939**, and forgeries for Coventry, Gloucester, and Ramsey abbeys: see Pierre Chaplais in *Pipe Roll Soc.* N.S. xxxvi (1960), p. 97). Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', f. 55, and B.M. Cotton MS. Faustina A. iii, f. 68 (imperfect), and Lansdowne MS. 992, f. 147.

In view of Dr. Chaplais's demonstration that this charter belongs to a group of forgeries made during the abbacy of Stephen's natural son Gervase (1138–57), perhaps with the assistance of the prior, Osbert de Clare, there can be no question of taking the text seriously. It will be noted that among the *signa* he gives three bishops called Robert. These would be Bath (1136–66), Hereford (1131–48), and Robert Warelwast Bishop of Exeter; but this last was not consecrated until 18 Dec. 1136. More important, Theobald was not elected or consecrated till 24 Dec. (Saltman, *Theobald*, p. 12). The other witnesses are all compatible with the date claimed, but this only signifies that the forger was moderately efficient. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 489 (and text i).

929. Westminster Abbey (Dec. 1138–June 1139)

General confirmation (spurious)

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus vicecomitibus omnibusque baronibus ac ministris suis Francis et Anglis per Angliam salutem. Sciatis communiter me pro redemptione anime mee et patris et matris mee necnon et beate memorie regis Eadwardi cog[nati mei qui avum meum] liberosque illius in regnum suum adoptivos heredes instituerat accepisse in manu mea et defensione totum honorem ecclesie Sancti Petri Westmon(asterii). In qua ecclesia ego oleo sancte unctionis sicut et ceteri ante me [reges perunctus, quia] ille locus antiquitus regum consecrationis fuisse cognoscitur, et corona regni a deo per pontificales manus celebriter coronatus sum, et in cujus etiam predicte ecclesie mat(er)no ut(er)o corpus d[omini ac] predecessoris nostri et prefati regis Eadwardi refotum sepulture requie ut cernim(us) requiescit, per q(uem) nempe me in regimen regni Anglie sublimatum fore cognosco. Inprimis itaque predictam ecclesiam ita liberam et quietam ac expeditam esse volo tam ab omni exactione episcopali quam a seculari sicut [per summorum] pontificum Johannis, Leonis, ac Nicholai auctoritatem et per cartam regis Eadwardi cognati mei, necnon et Willelmi avi mei aliorumque regum constat fuisse confirmatum, liberamque electionem ejusdem ecclesie monachis abbates idoneos ex sua vel ex alia congregatione eligendi [sicut illis antiquitus] concessum est concedo, et ne aliquis eis vim vel violentiam inferat vel infer[re presumat], potestate regia defendo. Cuncta siquidem q(ue) iddem monasterium [a sui principio usque] ad presens concessione atque oblatione [fidelium] optinuit vel infuturum optinebit [concedendo] devotus constituo, necnon

et omnes donationes terrarum vel ecclesiarum vel aliarum rerum [que ibi ab ante]cessoribus meis [regibus seu a quibuscumque ante me] donate sunt, seu et illas quas vel ego vel [optimates mei] vel quilibet de civibus Lu[ndonie] donaverant tam terras quam consuetudines [et omnia jura qualiumcumque causarum in omnibus terris et possessionibus] que vel in Lund[on(ia) vel in aliis quibuscunque locis] predicto monasterio adjacent vel addiciende sunt, concedo atque confirmo. Huic libertati etiam additamentum dono, [scilicet mu]ndbryce [miskenninge sceawinge hlastinge fridlisocne] flemenesfirmth(e) westgeltheof [uthleap] forhpheang vihpheang [ferdwite fithwite blodwite] weardwite [hean]gwite h[amsocne for]steal infangenetheof sake socne [toll et team aliasque omnes leges et consuetudines que ad me pertinent]. Privilegia itaque antiquorum regum aliorumque fidelium ibidem data ex nomine Sancte Trinitatis et sanctorum omnium nostraque regia potestate confirmo atque concedo et firmiter precipio, ut Sanctus Petrus et monachi ejusdem ecclesie bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice in urbe et extra et in omnibus locis teneant omnes terras suas et homines et omnia sua libera ab omni regia consuetudine et ab omni collectione [census qui] geld vel danegeld seu scot Anglice nominantur. Insuper etiam eos quietos clamo ab omnibus placitis et querelis et sciris et hundredis et auxiliis vicecomit(is) et ab omnibus rebus et occasionibus et ab omni castelli seu quocunque opere servili et legibus et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent. Si enim placitum de murthro vel latrocinio terre sue evenerit sic placitet inde et in illis locis sicut carta [predicti regis] Eadwardi testatur et precipit, similiter et de omnibus aliis placitis. Defendo etiam et pleniter prohibeo ne unquam graventur ullis oneribus neque ullus eis molestus sit, neque archiepiscopus vel [episcopus sive comes neque vice]comes nec aliquis alius in aliquo de omnibus que ecclesie illius sunt, vel de ecclesiis terrarum [pre]fati loci se penitus intromittat, nisi consensu omnium fratrum ad utilitatem ecclesie. Sitque hec sancta [mater ecclesia peculiaris patroni] nostri Beati Petri libera et absoluta ab omni invasione et inquietudine omnium [hominum] cujuscunque ordinis vel potestatis sint. Et ut breviter pleniusque omnia concludam, quic[quid honoris, quicquid quietati]onis vel libertatis seu etiam dignitatis prefate ecclesie et monachis ab antiquis regibus et beate memorie rege Eadwardo atque avo meo ceterisque fidelibus est concessum [insuper et auctoritate apostolica Ro]manorum predictorumque pontificum est confirmatum melius et firmius mee confirmationis dono nunc habeant. Concedo etiam et confirmo ecclesie prefate omnes leges libertates et consuetudines que regii juris et regie potestatis esse dinoscuntur, sicut bone memorie rex Henricus avunculus meus eidem ecclesie concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Contestor autem omnes filios heredes scilicet et omnes posteros meos sicut et avus meus nos contestatus est per tremendum judicium dei ne ipsi faciant vel fieri sinant ullam infractionem huic nostre donationi, immo augeant confirment et stabiliant illam, ita ut deus stabiliat dies et regnum illorum in eterna beatitudine, et habeant partem in hac nostra elemosina nobiscum in eterna requie. T(estibus) Theodbaldo archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi), Henrico episcopo Wint(oniensi), Roberto episcopo Hereford(ensi), Rog(ero) episcopo Saresb(eriensi), Alexandro episcopo Linc(olniensi), Nig(ello) episcopo Eliens(i), Ælverardo episcopo Norwic(ensi), Gwaleranno comite de Mell(ento), Willelmo comite de Guarenn(a), Gileberto comite de Penbroc, Alberico de Ver, Roberto de Ver, Hug(one) Bigot, Willelmo Martell, Ricardo de Luci, et multis aliis.

MSS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/15911 (pretended original, $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{10}''$, in the same hand (and in the same general style) as **928** (q.v.); strings for seal, but no seal. Much stained and worn at the folds.) Illegible passages (in square brackets) supplied from Westminster Abbey, Mun. Bk. 2, f. 80.

The text is identical with the alleged charter of Henry I (*Regesta*, ii. 489 and i). The witness list has no apparent mistakes. Theobald was elected archbishop on 24 Dec. 1138, and Roger of Salisbury was arrested at midsummer 1139,

930. Westminster Abbey (17 Dec. 1138–54, at Westminster)

Abbot Gervase to have his lands and tenures, particularly the church of St. Mary Newchurch in London

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicec(omiti) et baronibus et omnibus ministris suis London(ie), [salutem]. Precipio vobis quod sicut me diligitis custodiatis et manuteneatis omnes terras et tenuras G(ervasii) abbatis de Westm(onasterio) filii mei sicut meas dominicas,

et ad posse vestrum faciatis ei habere redditus suos et debita que ei debentur, et nominatim ecclesiam Sancte Marie ei faciatis habere, quam Gislanus ei dedit, cum terris appendentibus: et tantum inde faciatis quod gratis inde vobis sciam. T(este) Ad(a) de Beln(aco). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, Mun. Bk. 2, f. 57.
Printed: *Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, 159.
Date: Gervase was consecrated abbot of Westminster on 17 Dec. 1138.

931. Westminster Abbey (1138–54, at London)

Remission of the sheriff's 'justice-aid' in Essex, for 12d. a hide a year

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecom(iti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Essex(e) salutem. Sciatis quia clamo ecclesiam Sancti Petri Westm(onasterii) et monachos ibidem deo servientes inperpetuum quietos de auxilio capitali vicecom(itis) quod vocatur auxilium justicie per xii d(enarios) de singulis hidis suis de Essexa reddend(os) inde per annum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod per hoc auxilium quieti sint de predicto auxilio. T(estibus) Rob(er)to de V(ere), et Ric(ardo) de Lucy. Apud London(iam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 647.
Date: Richard de Lucy not in England before late 1138.

932. Westminster Abbey (1135–52, at London)

Grant of 40 acres of assart at Kelvedon (Ess.)

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Lond(oniensi) justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Essexa salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri Westm(onasterii) et abbati et monachis ibidem deo servientibus xl acras de essarto in Chenlevedena pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Matild(is) regine uxoris mee et Eustac(hii) filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice teneant sicut elemosinam meam dominicam. T(estibus) Will(elm)o Mart(el), et Warn(er)o de Lusoris. Apud London(iam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 269^{v}.
Date: Before the death of the queen.

933. Westminster Abbey (1135–54, at Westminster)

Gerbod de Scalt is to let the monks have their manor of Doddington

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) Gerbod(o) de Scalt' salutem. Precipio tibi quod permittas monachos Sancti Petri Westm(onasterii) tenere manerium suum de Dodintona bene et in pace et quiete, ne inde quicquam capias neque ibi forisfacias, nec ex toto te inde intromittas quia nulli illud manerium warantizare volo nisi ecclesie Sancti Petri de Westm(onasterio) et monachis quorum esse debet. T(este) Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 649^{v}.

934. Westminster Abbey (1135–54, at London)

Willliam Martel is to do justice between the abbots of Chertsey and Westminster in their dispute over danegeld

Steph(anus) rex Angl(orum) W(illelmo) Mart(el) salutem. Precipio tibi quod justicies abbatem de Certeseya et alios tenentes abbatis Westm(onasterii) qui ei deforciant rectitudines suas et de hoc quod non acquietaverunt tenuras suas versus me de daneg(eldo) meo, quas tenent de feodo suo; et hoc sine dilatione facias. Et interim habeat abbas Westm(onasterii) respectum de superplus hidagii quod de terra sua exigitur. Et de hoc ponas diem con-

venientem inter abbatem Westm(onasterii) et abbatem Certesie. T(este) H(enrico) de Essex(a). Apud London(iam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *Mun. Bk. 2, f. 650v.

935. Westminster Abbey (1139–54, at London)

The abbot to hold Parham (Sussex) and Mapeleford (Mddx.) as adjudged in Henry I's reign

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis de Sudsexa et Middelsexa salutem. Sciatis quia Herb(ertus) abbas de Westm(onasterio) coram baronibus regis H(enrici) ad scacc(arium) suum per judicium eorum derationavit terram de Pereha(m) et de Mapelefort erga Herbertum filium Herberti, quod Herb(ertus) in ea amplius nichil clamare poterit et quod abbas eam in dominio suo poterit habere si voluerit et facere in voluntatem suam. Et precipio quod abbas de Westm(onasterio) teneat terram illam et omnes res suas bene et in pace et juste et libere sicut predictus abbas eas dirationavit et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. T(este) Willelmo Mart(el). Apud Lond(oniam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxviii (original, 5¾″×3½″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xx (T.A.M.B., no. 530). Fragment of Stephen's second seal in white wax on tongue.)

Date: Second seal. Cf. *Regesta*, ii. 1879.

936. Westminster Abbey (1135–52—and probably early in that period—at London)

Exemptions for the lands held by the almoner, especially in Paddington (Mddx.), Fanton (Herts.), and Claygate (Surrey)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris in quorum vicecomit(atibus) minister elemosine pauperum Sancti Petri Westm(onasteriensis) terras vel decimas habet salutem. Sciatis me clamasse liberas et quietas terras et decimas de elemosina Sancti Petri Westm(onasteriensis) infra urbem et extra de placitis et scotis et querelis et auxiliis et geldis et de wardpenie et de murdro et de omnibus aliis occasionibus et consuetudinibus, scilicet terram de Padintona et Fantuna et Claigate, in bosco et plano et quicquid habuit tempore regis Edwardi in silva Dittone, videlicet tertiam quercum et communem pasturam in bosco et plano et in aliis predictis terris, ita bene et plene et quiete et honorifice sicut melius et plenius tenuit et habuit tempore regis Henrici et sicut carta regis Edwardi testatur, ne archidiaconus vel vicecomes vel minister aliquis se inde intromittat super monachum qui eas custodit. Et prohibeo ne aliquis injuriam vel contumeliam ullam in predictas terras eis faciat. Quia hoc concessi pro anima mea et pro salute uxoris mee et filiorum meorum et pro requie et redemptione dilecti patris mei et incolumitate matris mee et pro anima avunculi mei regis Henrici. T(estibus) Nigello episcopo de Ely, et A(delulfo) episcopo Carlol(ensi). Apud London(iam).

MS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxix (original, 8″×5$\frac{3}{10}$″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xvii (T.A.M.B., no. 531); tongue torn, seal lost).

Printed: *T.A.M.B.*, pl. viia (facs.).

Date: Certainly before the death of the queen. *Scriptor* xvii and Adelulf of Carlisle both suggest an early date. So do the rare references to the king's father and mother. This charter apparently refers to an incipient form of the 'infirmary of St. Giles' which is mentioned with special emphasis in **938–9**.

937. Westminster Abbey (1135–54, at London)

An alternative writ for the almoner's exemptions etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) omnibus vicecomitibus suis in quorum vicecomit(atibus) elemosina pauperum Westm(onasterii) habet terras salutem. Precipio quod terra elemosine de Westm(onasterio), videlicet de Padintona et de Fentona et de Cleigata, sit libera et quieta de placitis et querelis et schiris et hundredis et scotis et auxiliis et geldis et danegeldis et de wardpenie et de murdro et de omnibus aliis rebus et occasionibus et consuetudinibus. Et quicquid ecclesia de Westm(onasterio) habuit in villa vel in silva de Ditona tempore regum Eadwardi et Willelmi avi mei sicut carte eorum testantur, scilicet tertiam quercum et acram

et omnium aliarum rerum tertiam utilitatem, in bosco et plano in terra et in aqua ita nunc bene et plene et quiete et honor(ifice) habeat, et sicut rex Henricus ei per cartam suam concessit, ne super hoc aliquis se intromittat s[uper] [mo]nachum qui eas custodit. T(este) [Willelmo Martel. Apud Londoniam].

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxvii (supposed original, 6¾″ × 2½″, written in the hand of a Westminster scribe (T.A.M.B., no. 529); tongue and seal missing); text damaged at bottom, esp. in left-hand corner, but here restored from copy in Mun. Bk. 2, f. 458.

Note: T.A.M.B. thinks this on palaeographical grounds a forgery.

938. Westminster Abbey (1149–52, at St. Albans)

Freeing 6½ hides of the manor of Westminster from gelds and customs

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in perpetuum ecclesie Sancti Petri de Westm(onasterio) et monachis ibidem deo servientibus quietantiam vi hidarum et dimidie hide in manerio Westm(onasterii) de omnibus geldis et consuetudinibus mihi et ministris meis pertinentibus, quoniam curia et domus regie in fundo illo consistunt et infirmaria Sancti Egidii in eodem fundata est. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi quietantiam illam vi hidarum et dimidie bene et in pace et libere et quiete habeant in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et M(athildis) regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum, et pro anima regis Henrici et pro animabus aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie, et omnium fidelium sicut eis illam concedo et presenti carta confirmo. T(estibus) T(heobaldo) archiepiscopo Cantuar(iensi), et R. abbate Sancti Albani, et Daniel(e) abbate de Hulmo, et Baldr(ico) de Sigill(o), et Rog(ero) Burn(ell), et Wid(one) filio Tesc(ii), et Rob(erto) de Valdari, et Gervas(io) de Cornhell(e), et Joh(ann)e filio Rad(ulfi). Apud Sanctum Albanum.

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxv (original, 6¾″ × 6¼″, written in the hand of *scriptor* xxii (T.A.M.B., no. 527), with tongue and tie, and a fragment of Stephen's second seal in white wax on the tongue). Copies in Mun. Bk., f. 8ᵛ, and 'Liber Niger', f. 9.

Printed: *New Palaeog. Soc.* i. 20b (facs.); *Pipe Roll Soc.*, N.S. xxxvi (1960), 109–10.

Date: R. Abbot of St. Albans could be either Ralph (1146–51) or Robert (1151–66); Daniel was Abbot of Holm *c.* 1141–2 and 1149–53. The upper limit is therefore 1149 and the lower limit the death of the queen, 3 May 1152.

***939. Westminster Abbey** (supposedly 1151–3 May 1152, at St. Albans)

Inflated version of **938**; *a forgery*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie *salutem. Sciatis me inperpetuum* clamasse quietas deo et *ecclesie Sancti Petri Westmonasterii et monachis ibidem deo servientibus vi hid*as *et dimid*iam *hid*am *in* eodem manerio *Westmonasterii* in quo ecclesia predicta sita est *de omnibus geldis* et danegeldis et murdris et assisis et auxiliis justiciarum et vicecomitum et ab omni exercituum expeditione et castellorum operatione et pontium refectione et de omnibus aliis exactionibus *et consuetudinibus* et servitiis *mihi et ministris meis pertinentibus, quoniam curia et domus regie in fundo illo consistunt, et infirmaria Sancti Egidii in eodem fundata est. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia* predicta Sancti Petri *et monachi quietantiam vi hidarum et dimidie* hide finabiliter possideant *in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum, et pro anima regis Henrici* avunculi mei *et pro animabus aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie omnium*que *fidelium.* Insuper per tremendum dei judicium contestor omnes successores meos reges necnon et optimates ne hanc concessionis mee et donationis libertatem ullo tempore in aliquo infringere presumat, immo augeant et custodiant et manuteneant, *sicut* predicte ecclesie et monachis illis *concedo et presenti carta confirmo*, et sicut voluerint in die judicii animas suas salvari. *T(estibus) Theodb(aldo) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi)* Anglie primate et apostolice sedis legato, Rob(erto) episcopo Linc(olniensi), *Rob(erto) abbate Sancti Albani, Daniel(e) abbate de Hulmo,* Ric(ardo) de Luci, *Baldrico de*

Sigill(o), Rob(erto) de Vald(ar)i, Osb(er)to Martell(o), *Rog(ero) Burn(ell), Widon(e) filio Tescii, Gerv(asio) de Cornh(elle), Joh(ann)e filio Rad(ulfi). Apud Sanctum Albanum.*

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxiv (pretended original, 8½″ × 7″, written in the same Westminster hand as **928** and **929**, with fragment of seal in pink wax on a tongue, much worn but resembling Stephen's second seal). Copy in Mun. Bk. 2, f. 80ᵛ.

Printed: Madox, *Formulare*, no. D., p. 293; *Monast.* i. 308; *Pipe Roll Soc.*, N.S. xxxvi (1960), 109–10 with identification of handwriting by Dr. Chaplais.

Date: Supposedly while Theobald was legate and the queen alive. As Chaplais has shown the forgery to be contemporary, it is not surprising that the witness-list is credible. Passages in italics are identical with **938**.

***940. Westminster Abbey** (1151–2, at St. Albans)

Quittances and exemptions for the manor of Battersea

STEPHANUS rex Anglie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me inperpetuum concessisse et dedisse *ecclesie Sancti Petri Westmonasterii et monachis ibidem deo servientibus* quod manerium suum de Patriceseie cum pertinentiis ejus sit quietum *de omnibus geldis et danegeldis et murdris et assisis et auxiliis justiciarum et vicecomitum et ab omni exercituum expeditione et castellorum operatione et pontium refectione et* ex *omnibus aliis exactionibus et consuetudinibus et servitiis michi et ministris meis pertinentibus*, per quietantiam xxviiiᵗᵒ hidarum. Et de xliiii hidis que inde requirebantur ad geldandum, clamo quietam ecclesiam predictam Sancti Petri, et monachos et manerium prescriptum in perpetuum. *Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi* et manerium de Patriceseia cum pertinentiis suis sit quietum in perpetuum per suprascriptam quietantiam, videlicet xxviiiᵗᵒ hidarum et quod ipsam quietantiam finabiliter *possideant in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum, et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro animabus aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie omniumque fidelium. Insuper per tremendum dei judicium contestor omnes successores meos reges necnon et optimates ne hanc concessionis mee et donationis libertatem ullo tempore in aliquo infringere presumant, immo augeant et custodiant et manuteneant sicut predicte ecclesie et monachis* illam *concedo et presenti carta confirmo et sicut voluerint in die judicii animas suas salvari. T(estibus) Teodb(aldo) archiepiscopo Cant(uariensi) Angl(ie) primate et apostolice sedis legato, Rob(erto) episcopo Linc(olniensi), Rob(erto) abbate Sancti Albani, Daniel(e) abbate de Hulmo, Ricard(o) de Luci, Baldrico de Sigill(o), Rob(erto) de Valderi, Osb(er)no Martell(o), Rog(ero) Burn(ell), Widone filio Tescii, Gervasio de Cornehell(e), Joh(ann)e filio Rad(ulfi). Apud Sanctum Albanum.*

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, *charter xxxvi (pretended original, 10¾″ × 7½″, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 528) with a seal resembling Stephen's second seal in pink wax on the tongue). Copies in Mun. Bk. 2, f. 161ᵛ; P.R.O. Pat. R. 3 Ric. II, pt. i, m 7, and 1 Ed. IV, pt. vii, m. 28; B.M. Harley MS. 1648, f. 139ᵛ.

The passages in italics are from ***939**, but this is a much less skilful forgery in regard to both appearance and text. Dr. Chaplais thinks the handwriting is thirteenth century.

***941. Westminster Abbey** (allegedly 1151–2, at St. Albans)

Conflation of **939** *and* **940**

Stephanus dei gratia *rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciis comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me imperpetuum concessisse et dedisse ecclesie Sancti Petri Westmonasterii et monachis ibidem deo servientibus quod manerium suum de Patriceseie cum pertinentiis ejus sit quietum de omnibus geldis et danegeldis et murdris et assisis et auxiliis justiciarum et vicecomitum et ab omni exercituum expeditione et castellorum operatione et pontium refectione et ex omnibus aliis exactionibus et consuetudinibus et servitiis michi et ministris meis pertinentibus per quietantiam xxviii hidarum. Et de xliiii hidis que inde requirebantur ad geldum clamo quietam ecclesiam predictam Sancti Petri et monachos et manerium prescriptum imperpetuum.* Et similiter imperpetuum clamo eidem **ecclesie** Beati **Petri et**

monachis ibidem deo servientibus vi hidas et dimidiam hidam in manerio Westmonasterii in quo ecclesia predicta sita est quietas ab omnibus exactionibus suprascriptis **et consuetudinibus michi et ministris meis pertinentibus quoniam curia et domus regie in fundo illo consistunt et infirmaria Sancti Egidii fundata est,** et in manerio de Hanewella unam virgatam terre ad ecclesiam ejusdem manerii pertinentem quietam ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus et servitiis. *Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi et manerium de Patriceseia cum pertinentiis suis sit quietum imperpetuum per suprascriptam quietantiam videlicet xxviii hidarum*, et quod ecclesia predicta et monachi in manerio Westmonasterii quietantiam sex hidarum et dimidie hide, et in manerio de Hanewella quietantiam unius virgate terre *finabiliter possideant in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et Matildis regine uxoris mee et liberorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro animabus aliorum predecessorum meorum regum Anglie omniumque fidelium. Insuper per tremendum dei judicium contestor omnes successores meos reges necnon et optimates ne hanc concessionis mee et donationis libertatem ullo tempore in aliquo infringere presumant, immo augeant et custodiant et manuteneant sicut predicte ecclesie et monachis illam concedo et presenti carta confirmo et sicut voluerint in die judicii animas suas salvari. Testibus Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuariensi Anglie primate et apostolice sedis legato, Roberto abbate Sancti Albani, Daniele abbate de Holmo, Ricardo de Lucy, Baldrico de Sigillo, Roberto de Valderi, Osberno Martell, Rogero Burun,*[1] *Widone filio Tescii, Gervasio de Cornhell, Johanne filio Radulphi. Apud Sanctum Albanum.*

[1] *recte* Burn(ell)?

MSS.: Westminster Abbey, Mun. Bk. 2, f. 56v; P.R.O. Pat. R. 3 Ric. II, pt. i, m. 7, and 1 Ed. IV, pt. vii, m. 28–17.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1461–7*, 166.
Passages from **940** in *italics*; passages from **939** in **heavy type.**

942. Whitby Abbey (Feb. 1136, at York)

General confirmation

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris prepositis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancti Petri et Sancte Hilde et abbati de Witeby monachisque ibidem deo servientibus omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas et omnes possessiones quas rex Willelmus avus meus et rex Willelmus et rex Henricus avunculi mei eidem ecclesie dederunt et confirmaverunt per cartas suas in perpetuam elemosinam, scilicet ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Hachenessa et ii carucatas terre in eadem villa, et in Norfelda iii carucatas terre, et in Brenestona ii carucatas terre, et ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in Fischergata in Eboraco et terras et omnia eidem pertinentia, et in Caitona ii carucatas terre, ita libere et quiete optinenda de me in capite sicut carta Willelmi regis avi mei et carta predictorum avunculorum meorum testantur. Et preterea concedo eis et confirmo omnes ecclesias et terras et decimas et elemosinas et possessiones omnes in elemosinam quas Willelmus de Percy, et Alanus filius ejus, et Willelmus filius Alani, eis dederunt et concesserunt et cartis suis confirmaverunt; et omnes alias possessiones suas quas alii domini sui eis dederunt et concesserunt, et sicut carte illorum quas inde habent testantur, scilicet ecclesiam suam de Witeby, et Nederby, et Overby, et G[n]ypam, et Filgelingam et aliam Figelingam, et Normanneby, et Snetonam, et Oggelbergesby, et Soureby, et Doneslac, et Niweham, et Stachesby, et Brecche, et Baldeby, et Floram, et portum maris et forestas et omnia ibi pertinentia, et Sudfeldam, et Everlac, et Broches[ia]m, et decimas carucarum de Oppelidun, et de Stachestona, et de Samara, et de Wilton, et de Narferetona, et de Sumerlel'aby et de Emmyngham, et de Capremonte, et de Ludeforde, et de Covenham, et medietatem piscium de Ergum, et decimam de Staintona, et de Alchintona, et ii quadrucatas terre in Hisenham, et in Tholestuna ii carucatas terre, et de feodo Roberti de Brus ecclesiam Sancte Hilde de Midelesburgo et unam carucatam terre, et in Niweham ii carucatas et ii bovatas terre, et de feodo Fossard unam carucatam terre in Butterwyche, [et] in Rocseby unam carucatam terre, de feodo Eustachii filii Johannis unum molendinum et duas bovatas terre in Scamestona, et in Wycham dimidiam carucatam terre, et ecclesiam de

Hohtona cum omnibus que adjacent, quam Alanus Busel eis concessit coram me, et ecclesiam de Hot, et unum toftum in Wa[l]begate quod Audanus eis dedit. Hec omnia eis concedo et confirmo sicut domini sui de quorum feodis hec sunt eis dederunt et confirmaverunt per brevia sua, et sicut carte et brevia dominorum hoc testantur. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete teneant in bosco et plano et pratis et pasturis et aquis et molendinis et mariscis et vivariis et piscariis et stagnis et exclusis, infra burgum et extra, in feriis, in foris, in civitate et extra, in forestis, in divisis, in exitibus, in viis, in semitis, et in omnibus locis et rebus, cum soca et sacha et thol et theam et infangenethefe et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietationibus cum quibus melius et liberius tenuerunt tempore regis Willelmi avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum. Testibus A(delwaldo) episcopo Carl(e)olensi, et R(ogero) cancellario, et R(oberto) de Ver, et Hugone Bigot, et W(illelmo) de Percy. Apud Eboracum.

MS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 5 Ed. II, m. 6.
Printed: J. C. Atkinson, *Cartularium Abbathiae de Whiteby*, ii. 531; **E.Y.C.*, no. 868.
Date: While Hugh Bigot supported Stephen and Roger was chancellor. Cf. the witnesses of **99**.

943. Whitby Abbey (1135–54, at Westminster)

Confirmation of the land of Westcroft given by Alan Bushel

S(tephanus)[1] rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus justiciariis comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie Sancte Hilde et monachis in eadem deo servientibus donationem quam Alanus Bucell eis fecit de quadam terra que dicitur Westcroft et de pertinentiis suis. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et monachi terram illam bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice teneant cum pertinentiis ejus sicut prefatus [Alanus] Bucell eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Testibus W(illelmo) Mart(el), et R(icardo) de Canvill,[2] et Fulco(ne) de Oilly. Apud Westmonasterium.

[1] *MS.* H [2] *MS.* Conhill

MS.: P.R.O. Duchy of Lancaster, Great Coucher, i. 386.
Printed: Atkinson, *Cart. Abb. de Whiteby*, ii. 551; **E.Y.C.*, no. 374.

944. Winchester Cath. and See (Easter 1136, at Westminster)

Grant of the manor of Bishop's Sutton (Hants) in exchange for Steeple Morden (Cambs.)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis baronibus vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithini Wintonie manerium de Sudtona cum ecclesiis et berewichis et omnibus appendiciis eodem manerio adjacentibus, pro escambio manerii sui de Mordono, quod dedi Gwallerino comiti de Mellent et quod eadem ecclesia antiquitus possedit. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et Henricus episcopus [frater][1] meus et omnes successores sui ejusdem ecclesie episcopi bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete et libere teneant cum socna et sacca et toll et team et infangenethef et cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus suis in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis et aquis et stagnis et molendinis in via et semitis in fugaciis et forestis in feriis et mercatis infra burgum et extra in civitate Wintonie et extra et in omnibus locis, sicut comes Eustachius et ego post eum melius et liberius et quietius tenuimus, et sicut eadem ecclesia quietius tenuit Mordunam, et sicut liberius tenet alias teneduras suas. Hanc itaque concessionem meam predicte Wintonie ecclesie et Henrico episcopo fratri meo et omnibus ipsius successoribus ejusdem ecclesie episcopis firmam esse et inperpetuum possidendam statuto et regia auctoritate confirmo, et adeo mihi collata potestate corroboro. Si quis vero aliquid inde minuere inquietare vel a prefata ecclesia auferre vel subtrahere presumpserit, maledictionem superni regis incurrat et debitam meritis suis perpetuam damnationis sententiam a paradiso exheredatus inveniat; et tanquam sancte matris ecclesie

[1] *Hearne and Borthwick*, pater

exheredator aptus omnibus filiiis ejusdem matris nostre exosus et communis inimicus existat, et viventibus vilis et defunctis habeatur infidelis. Apud Westmonasterium in presentia et audientia subscriptorum, anno incarnationis dominice M°C° xxxvi° regno vero meo primo, haec in domino acta sunt. Signum Stephani regis. Signum Matildis regine. Signum Willelmi comitis Warenne. Signum Ranulphi comitis Cestrie. Signum Henrici filii regis Scotie. Signum Rogeri comitis Warriwici. Signum Waleranni comitis de Mellent. Signum Willielmi de Albemara. Signum Simonis de Silvanecta. Signum Albericide Veer camerarii. Signum Willelmi de Alb(ini) pincerne. Signum Roberti de Veer conestabularii. Signum Milonis Gloecestrie conestabularii. Signum Brientii filii Comitis conestabularii. Signum Roberti filii Ricardi dapiferi. Signum Roberti Malet dapiferi. Signum [Willelmi] Martelli dapiferi. Signum Simonis de Bellocampo dapiferi. Signum Willelmi Cantuarie archiepiscopi. Signum Turstini Eboraci archiepiscopi. Signum Hugonis Rothomagi archiepiscopi. Signum Rogeri Saresburie episcopi. Signum Nigelli Elyensis episcopi. Signum Safridi Cicestrensis episcopi. Signum Ebrardi Norwicensis episcopi. Signum Simonis Wigornensis episcopi. Signum Roberti Bathoniensis episcopi. Signum Bernardi episcopi Sancti Davidis. Signum Roberti Herefordensis episcopi. Signum Johannis Roffensis episcopi. Signum Audoeni Ebroicensis episcopi. Signum Johannis Sagiensis episcopi. Signum Ricardi Abrinsis episcopi. Signum Algari Constancie episcopi. Signum Rogeri canc(ellarii). Signum Rogeri de Fiscam' capellani. Signum Henrici nepotis regis Stephani. Signum Reginaldi filii regis Henrici. Signum Roberti de Ferrariis baronis. Signum Willelmi Pe[verel][1] de Notingham baronis. Signum Gilberti de Lacy baronis. Signum Walteri Espec baronis. Signum Pagani filii Johannis baronis. Signum Eustachii filii Johannis baronis. Signum Walteri de Saresburia baronis. Signum Roberti Arundell baronis. Signum Gaufridi de Magnavilla baronis. Signum Hamonis de Sancto Claro baronis. Signum Rogeri de Valonia baronis. Signum Henrici de Port baronis. Signum Walteri filii Ricardi baronis. Signum Walteri de Gant baronis. Signum Walteri de Bolebec baronis. Signum Walchel(ini) Maminot baronis. Signum Will(elmi) de Perci baronis.

[1] *Hearne and Borthwick*, Penn

MSS.: B.M. Lansdowne 229, f. 122 (Camden's transcript), Harley MS. 5804, f. 107 (late transcript), Add. MS. 15350, f. 4v (incomplete); Archives of Duke of Northumberland, Alnwick, Y. ii. 7 (17th-cent. attested copy).

Printed: *Hearne, *Liber Niger* (2nd ed., 1771) ii. 808 (from the original, now lost, in the Duchy of Lancaster office); William Borthwick, *Remarks on British Antiquities* (Edinburgh, 1776) 27.

Date: Easter Court of 1136, before the withdrawal of Henry son of the King of Scots and before the arrival of Robert Earl of Gloucester. Sutton was not royal demesne but part of the inheritance of Stephen's queen. In 1086 it was assessed at 25 hides (D.B. i. 44v), while Morden was assessed for only 8 (D.B. i. 190).

945. Winchester Cath. and See (1136, at Westminster)

Restoring lands taken by William I in Norton FitzWarren, Bradford, and Heal (Som.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintonie et Henrico episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus in perpetuam possessionem has subscriptas terras quas de antiquo jure ejusdem fuerunt ecclesie et quas Willelmus rex avus meus ab eadem abstraxit ecclesia, scilicet villam de Bradeford et Nortonam et Helam cum ecclesis et capellis et omnibus eorum appendiciis; et omnes illi qui predictas terras tenuerint de Henrico episcopo et successoribus ejus in sempiternum tenebunt et omnia servitia que mihi pro terris illis debebant ecclesie Winton(iensi) et episcopis ejusdem ecclesie integre in sempiternum facient. Et hoc facio pro redemptione anime predicti regis Willelmi avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum et pro salute mea et Mathildis regine uxoris mee et filiorum et fratrum meorum et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Wint(oniensis) et Henricus episcopus et omnes successores sui teneant predictas terras cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aqua et extra in via et semitis in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et toll et team et in-

fangenetheof et omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus p(re)taxata Wint(oniensis) ecclesia liberius tenet alias terras suas. Et ut hec redditio et concessio mea predicte ecclesie integra inconcussaque permaneat presentis sigilli impressione et subscriptorum attestatione confirmo et corroboro. Apud Westmonasterium anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI regni vero mei primo.

S(ignum) Stephani regis
S(ignum) Matildis regine
S(ignum) Eustachii filii regis
S(ignum) Roberti comitis Gl(ocestrie)
S(ignum) Ranu(ulfi) comitis Cest(rie)

S(ignum) Henrici nep(otis) regis
S(ignum) Roberti filii Ric(ardi) dapiferi
S(ignum) Alberici de Ver camerarii
S(ignum) Roberti de Ver const(abuli)
S(ignum) Willelmi Martelli

S(ignum) Willelmi Cant(uariensis) archiep(iscopi)
S(ignum) Turstani Eb(oracensis) archiep(iscopi)
S(ignum) Rogeri Saresb(ur)ie ep(iscopi)
S(ignum) Alex(andri) Lincolnien(sis) epi(scopi)
Si(gnum) Nigelli Elien(sis) epi(scopi)

S(ignum) Sim(onis) comitis de Sivenecti
S(ignum) Rob(erti) comitis Legre((estrie)
S(ignum) Rob(erti) de Ferrar(iis)
S(ignum) Gauf(ridi) de Mannevilla
S(ignum) Roberti de Oilli

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 15350, f. 5v with the *signa* in four columns, Add. MS. 29436, f. 19v without *signa*.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 396.
Date: After Easter 1136 because Robert Earl of Gloucester is present, and Henry son of the King of Scots absent (Wm. Malmesbury, *H.N.* 17; John of Hexham in Sym. Dunelm. (R.S.). ii. 287). Before the death of Wm. of Corbeil Archbishop of Canterbury (21 Nov. 1136). The grant seems not to have taken effect. See note to **951**.

946. Winchester Cath. and See (1136, at Westminster)

Restoring Crowcombe (Som.) which had been taken away by William I

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintonie et Henrico episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus in perpetuam possessionem pro redemptione anime regis Willelmi avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et filiorum et fratrum meorum et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei Crawacumbam cum omnibus ejus appendiciis tanquam ea que de antiquo jure fuerant ipsius ecclesie et que avus meus rex Willelmus ab eadem abstraxit ecclesia: et omnes illi qui predictas terras tenuerint, de Henrico episcopo et successoribus ejus in sempiternum tenebunt, et omnia servitia que mihi pro terris illis facere debebant ecclesie Win(tonie) et ejus episcopis usque in sempiternum facient. Quare volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere teneant Wint(oniensis) ecclesia et omnes ejusdem ecclesie episcopi presens et futuri manerium predictum cum omnibus ejus adjacentiis in ecclesia et capellis et omni re in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aqua et extra in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenet(h)eof et omnibus libertatibus cum quibus Winton(iensis) ecclesia liberius tenet alias tenuras suas. Et ut hec ecclesie predicte illibata integraque sine fine permaneant regia auctoritate hoc confirmo et sigilli mei impressione et proprie manus mee et fidelium meorum subscriptione consignando corroboro. Apud Westmonasterium anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI regni vero mei primo.

S. regis Stephani
S. Matildis regine
S. Eustachii filii regis
S. Rob(erti) comitis Gloeces(trie)
S.Rann(ulfi) comitis Cest(rie)

S. Willelmi archiepiscopi
S. Turstani Eb(oracensis) archiepiscopi
S. Rogeri Sar(esburiensis) episcopi
S. Alex(andri) Linc(olniensis) episcopi
S. Ebr(ardi) Norwic(ensis) episcopi

S. Rober(ti) de Ver conest(abuli)
S. Alberici de Ver camerarii
S. Rob(erti) filii Ric(ardi) dapiferi
S. Rob(erti) de Ferr(ariis) baronis
S. Ham(onis) de Sancto Claro bar(onis)

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 15350, f. 5, Add. MS. 29436, f. 20 (without *signa*).
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 394.
Date: As for **945**. Crowcombe was genuinely held by St. Swithun's T.R.E. By 1086 it had passed to the Count of Mortain (D.B. i. 91ᵛ) and it would therefore have passed to Stephen, but his grant apparently had no effect (Collinson, *Somerset*, iii. 514).

947. Winchester Cath. and See (1136, at Westminster)

Restoring to the cathedral the manor of (East) Meon (Hants) which had been taken away by William I

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Quoniam nostrum est peccata predecessorum et maxime patrum nostrorum elemosinis et aliis beneficiis redimere, ego Stephanus rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum pro redemptione anime Willelmi regis avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum et pro salute mea et Matildis uxoris mee et filiorum et fratrum meorum et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei reddidi et concessi in perpetuam possessionem deo et ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintoniensis et Henrico episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus manerium de Meonis cum ecclesiis et capellis et omnibus appendiciis ejus tanquam ea que de antiquo jure ejusdem fuerunt ecclesie et que avus meus prefatus Willelmus rex ab eadem abstraxit ecclesia. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia et omnes ipsius ecclesie futuri pontifices teneant manerium supradictum cum omnibus que ei pertinent in bosco et plano in pratis et pastura in aqua et extra in via et semitis in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenet(h)eof et omnibus libertatibus aliis et consuetudinibus cum quibus pretaxata Wintoniensis ecclesia liberius tenet alias teneduras suas. Et ut hec redditio et concessio mea predicte ecclesie integra inconcussaque remaneat presentis sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum attestatione confirmo et corroboro. Apud Westmonasterium anno incarnationis dominice M°C°XXXVJ°. ✠ Signum Stephani regis ✠ Signum Mathildis regine ✠ Signum Eustacii filii regis Stephani ✠ Signum Roberti comitis Glocestrie ✠ Signum Ranulfi comitis Cestrie ✠ Signum Simonis de Silvanecti ✠ Signum Roberti comitis Legrecestrie ✠ Signum Rogeri cancellarii ✠ Signum Rogeri de Fiscanno ✠ Signum Willelmi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi ✠ Signum Turst(ani) Eboracensis archiepiscopi ✠ Signum Rogeri Saresberiensis episcopi ✠ Signum Alexandri Lincolniensis episcopi ✠ Signum Nigelli Eliensis episcopi ✠ Signum Rogeri Cestrensis episcopi ✠ Signum Safridi Cicestrensis episcopi ✠ Signum Ebr(ardi) Norwycensis episcopi ✠ Signum Adel(ulfi) Carliolensis episcopi ✠ Signum Roberti filii Ricardi dapiferi ✠ Signum Roberti de Ver conestabularii ✠ Signum Alberici de Ver camerarii ✠ Signum Roberti de Ferrariis baronis ✠ Signum Gaufridi de Magnavilla ✠ Signum Hamonis de Sancto Claro ✠ Signum Rogeri de Valoniis ✠ Signum Willelmi de Montef(orte) ✠ Signum Roberti de Oilli.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 15350, f. 4 (only 12 witnesses), and Add. MS. 29436, f. 18 (only 3 witnesses).
Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 352.
Date: As for **945**. East Meon had been held by Stigand for the monks T.R.E., but was mainly royal demesne in 1086 (*D.B.* i. 38 and 40). Henry II confirmed it to Winchester probably in Dec. 1154 (Warner and Ellis, *Facsimiles*, no. 38), but apparently seized both it and Wargrave when the bishop left England without his permission in 1155 (Goodman, *Winchester Cath. Cart.* no. 7; Robt. Torigni, 186; Roger of Wendover, ed. Coxe, ii. 281).

948. Winchester Cath. and See (1136, at Westminster)

Restoring the manor of Wargrave (Berks.) which William I had taken from the cathedral and bishopric

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis per Angliam constitutis salutem. Sciatis quoniam reddidi et concessi deo et ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintonie et Henrico episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus in perpetuam elemosinam pro redemptione anime Willelmi regis avi mei et regum Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum, et pro salute mea

et Mathildis uxoris mee et filiorum et fratrum meorum manerium de Weregrave cum ecclesiis et capellis et omnibus ejus appendiciis tanquam ea que ab antiquo jure Wintoniensis erant ecclesie et que Willelmus rex avus meus ab eadem abstraxit ecclesia. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta Wintoniensis ecclesia et Henricus episcopus et omnes ejus successores teneant manerium predictum cum omnibus que ei pertinent in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in aqua et extra in via et semitis in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et toll et them [et] infangenet(h)eof et cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus Wintoniensis ecclesia prefata liberius tenet alias tenuras suas. Et ut ista ecclesie prefate integra inconcussaque in eternum permaneant, presentis sigilli mei impressione et proprie manus mee subscriptione confirmo, et regia auctoritate et a deo michi collata potestate corroboro. Apud Westmonasterium anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI regni vero mei primo. ✠ Signum regis Stephani ✠ Signum Matildis regine ✠ Signum Eustachii filii regis ✠ Signum Roberti comitis Gloecestrie ✠ Signum Rogeri cancellarii ✠ Signum Henrici nepotis regis ✠ Signum Rannulfi comitis Cestrie ✠ Signum Roberti comitis Legrecestrie ✠ Signum Willelmi archiepiscopi Cantuariensis ✠ Signum Turstani archiepiscopi Eboracensis ✠ Signum Rogeri Saresberiensis episcopi ✠ Signum Alexandri Lincolniensis episcopi ✠ Signum Nigelli Eliensis episcopi ✠ Signum Simonis Wirecestrensis episcopi ✠ Signum David (*sic*) Sancti David episcopi ✠ Signum Rogeri Cestrensis episcopi ✠ Signum Willelmi Martel dapiferi ✠ Signum Alberici de Ver camerarii ✠ Signum Roberti de Ver constabularii ✠ Signum Roberti de Oilli conestabularii ✠ Signum Roberti de Ferrariis ✠ Signum Gaufridi de Mannevilla ✠ Signum Hamonis de Sancto Claro ✠ Signum Rogeri de Valoniis.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 15350, f. 4v (incomplete), and Add. MS. 29436, f. 18 (without *signa*).

Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 353.

Date: As for **945**, providing that David Bishop of St. Davids is only a scribal error for Bernard; David was Bishop of St. Davids 1148–56. Wargrave was royal demese in 1086 and had been held by Queen Edith T.R.E. (*D.B.* i. 57). The monks had an elaborate if dubious story of having received it from Queen Emma (Robertson, *Anglo-Saxon Charters* no. cxviii; Harmer, *Anglo-Saxon Writs*, 45, n. 2; *Bull. John Rylands Lib.* xxii (1938), 349–51). See also notes to **947** and **341**.

949. Winchester Cath. and See (1136, at Winchester)

Restoring the manor of (*East*) *Meon* (*Hants*) *and Wargrave* (*Berks*) *which had been taken away by William I*

Steph(anus) dei gratia rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus hominibus totius Anglie presentibus et futuris salutem. Quoniam sacra attestante scriptura aperte cognoscitur et vere creditur elemosinam peccatum extinguere, ob remedium et salutem anime Willelmi gloriosi regis Anglorum avi mei qui Angliam conquisivit et Willelmi et Henrici regum Anglorum avunculorum meorum necnon pro salute mea et uxoris et fratrum et filiorum meorum et pro statu et incolumitate totius regni mei, reddo et concedo deo et ecclesie beatorum apostolorum S(anctorum) Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintonie et Henrico episcopo fratri meo et omnibus successoribus ejus in perpetuam possessionem manerium de Meonis et manerium de Weregrave que de prefate ecclesie jure erant cum ecclesiis et capellis et terris et universis eorum appendiciis ita plane et libere sicut maneria ipsa erant die qua predictus avus meus rex Willelmus ea Wintoniensi abstraxit ecclesie. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et Henricus episcopus et omnes successores sui teneant predicta maneria inperpetuum bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice cum soca et saca et toll et theam et infangenetheof et munbrece et cum omnibus libertatibus et quietationibus et consuetudinibus predictis maneriis et hundredis suis pertinentibus in bosco et plano in pratis et pastura [in]via et semitis in molendinis in omni loco et omni re sicut maneria illa quietiora fuerunt tempore Willelmi avi mei vel alicujus antecessorum meorum. Hanc itaque concessionem et redditionem meam Wintoniensi ecclesie et Henrico episcopo et omnibus successoribus ejus in perpetuam obtinendam inconcusseque permanendam regia potestate statuo et confirmo et presentis sigilli mei impressione et subscriptorum attestatione corroboro. Facta apud Wintoniam anno incarnationis dominice MCXXXVI regni vero mei primo. Signum regis

Stephani. Signum Matildis regine. Signum Willelmi archiepiscopi. Signum Turstani Ebor(acenis) archiepiscopi. Signum Rogeri episcopi Sares(burie). Signum Nigelli episcopi Elie(nsis). Signum Bern(ardi) episcopi Sancti David. Signum Roberti episcopi de Heref(orda). Signum Rogeri comitis de Warwic'. Signum Alani comitis Ricemont. Signum Roberti filii Ricardi dapiferi. Signum Albrici de Ver camerarii. Signum Roberti de Ver cunest(abuli). Signum Willelmi Martel dapiferi.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 15350, f. 4.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 395 (no. xxxv).
Date: Before the death of Archbishop William (21 Nov. 1136).

950. Winchester. Cath. and See (1136–7, at Woodstock)

The sub-tenant at Crowcombe (Som.) is informed of **946**

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) filio Eustach(ii) de Belloc(ampo) salutem. Scias quia reddidi et concessi ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swith(uni) Wint(onie) et Henrico episcopo et successoribus suis terram de Crawacumbam (*sic*) cum omnibus ejus appendiciis tanquam ea que de jure ipsius erant ecclesie. Quare tibi precipio quod eas ad Henricum episcopum dominum tuum et de terra illa ei intendas et homagium suum ei inde facias et quicquid mihi de servitio et aliis rebus pro terris illis debebas ei totum persolvas, et omnes heredes tui vel quicunque terram illam in futurum habuerint idem episcopo Henrico et successoribus suis in perpetuum faciant. T(estibus) R(ogero) de Fiscanno, et R(oberto) filio R(icardi). Apud Udestoc.

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 15350, f. 5, and Add. MS. 29436, f. 20^{v} (incomplete).
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 397, no. xxxvii.
Date: Robert fitz Richard (de Clare) d. 1136 or 1137 (Robt. Torigni, 131). This and **951** purport to be consequential on **945–6**. Cf. **224–5**. The address of this writ may be an error for 'R de Bellocampo et Henrico filio Eustachii' to whom Queen Adeliza addressed her charter on the same subject (*E.H.R.* xxxv. 398).

951. Winchester Cath. and See (1135–40)

The custodian of Norton Fitzwarren, Bradford, and Heal (Som.) informed of **945**

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) H. Maltraverso salutem. Scias quia reddidi et concessi ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Winton(iensi) et Henrico episcopo fratri meo et successoribus ejus terram de Nortuna et Bradef(ord) et Hela et omnia eorum appendicia tanquam ea que de jure ipsius erant ecclesie. Quare tibi precipio quod eas ad Henricum episcopum dominum tuum et de terris istis quas tenes in custodia cum filio Willelmi filii Alur(edi) episcopo intendas et homagium suum inde facias, et quicquid mihi de servitio et aliis rebus pro terris illis debebas ei totum persolvas, et filius Willelmi filii Alur(edi) et quicunque terram illam in futurum habuerit idem episcopo Henrico et successoribus suis faciat. T(este) R(ogero) de Fiscanno.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 29436, f. 20.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 397.
Date: Probably the same as **950**, and certainly not later than 1140 because of Roger of Fécamp. A difficulty is that William fitz Alured must be dead, but a man of this name witnesses **273** in 1140. The writ makes a pair with **950** and is supposed to be consequential on **945**, but if genuine it was ineffectual as the bishop did not secure these lands (Collinson, *Somerset*, iii. 271 and 243–4). The land in question belonged to Stephen as Count of Mortain, Alured having been the count's sub-tenant in 1086.

952. Winchester Cath. and See (Summer 1136, at Exeter)

Grant of 6 more days for St. Giles's fair at Winchester

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Wintoniensi et Henrico episcopo fratri meo et omnibus successoribus suis vj dies continuos de accremento ad feriam Sancti Egidii de Wintonia, ita quod inter totum habeat xiiij continuos dies. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod omnes

homines illuc venientes et ibi morantes et inde redeuntes in eundo et redeundo juste habeant meam firmam pacem. Et predicta feria omnibus hiis xiii (*sic*) diebus habeat omnes consuetudines et quietantias et libertates quas solebat habere infra civitatem et extra tempore regis Henrici. Testibus Rogero cancellario, et R(oberto) comite Gloecestrie, et R(oberto) de Ver, et R(oberto) filio Ricardi, et W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Exoniam.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R., 10 Ed. II, m. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 29436, f. 19, with one witness only.
Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 352.
Date: Presumably during the siege of Exeter.

953. Winchester Cath. and See (1136–9, at Gillingham)

Granting freedom from toll etc. to the burghers of Taunton (Som.) who are the Bishop of Winchester's men

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic[iis] et vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris suis et fidelibus suis totius Anglie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod omnes burgenses de Tantona homines episcopi Wintoniensis habeant omnes quietantias et tales libertates per totam terram meam de theloneo et passagio et omni alia consuetudine quales habent burgenses mei de Londoniis et de Wintonia. Et si aliquis eis super hoc inde injuriam vel contumeliam fecerit, justicia mea[1] et vicecomites faciant eis quietancias et consuetudines tales habere. Et super hoc nullus eos vel res suas injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. Testibus Roberto de Ver, et Milone de Gloecestria. Apud Gilling(ham).

[1] *Add. MS.* justicie mei

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 29436, f. 17^{v} (incomplete).
Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 354.
Date: Probably at Gillingham, Dorset, on the way to or from the siege of Exeter. Cf. **800, 818.**

954. Winchester Cath. and See (1136–9, at Oxford)

Confirming land bought from Berner de Ferrers in (West) Hatch (Som.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) episcopo Bathonie(nsi) et justiciariis et baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sumerseta salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie Wintonie et Henrico episcopo fratri meo et omnibus successoribus ejus inperpetuum terram de Heccha quam finaliter emit idem Henricus de Bernerio de Ferraria. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod episcopus prefatus et ecclesia sua et successores sui teneant terram illam bene et in pace et libere et quiete in bosco et plano in pratis et pasturis in divisis in via et semitis in aquis et extra in omni loco et omni re cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangenet(h)eof et omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus illi terre pertinentibus cum quibus aliquis predecessor suus liberius et quietius tenuit et sicut ecclesia Winton(ie) quietius habet alias terras suas. T(estibus) episcopo Sar(isburiensi), et Roberto de Ver, Joh(anne) Marisc(allo). Apud Oxeneford.

MSS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 15350, f. 5; Add. MS. 29436, f. 20^{v} (incomplete).
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 398.
Date: John the Marshal went over to the empress by early summer 1140. There was no Bishop of Salisbury from 11 Dec. 1139 till 1142.

955. Winchester Cath. and See (1135–41)

Confirmation of ancient liberties

Steph(anus) dei gratia rex Angl(orum) episcopis comitibus vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et omnibus ministris ac fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis per totam Angliam salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et Sancto Petro et Henrico Wintoniensi episcopo fratri meo et priori monachisque ejusdem ecclesie libertatem in omnibus rebus suis et omnes consuetudines quas a tempore regis Edwardi eadem ecclesia habuit tempore Willelmi avi mei et Willelmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum in terris scilicet et aquis pratis et pascuis in silvis et omnibus aliis rebus que ad eandem ecclesiam pertinere noscuntur. Concedo etiam sace et socne et toll et team et passagium inter civitatem et extra forsteall et

infangenetheof hamsocne et mundbryce et omnes forisfacturas parvas et magnas ita penitus liberas sicuti eas melius et liberius habuit una die et nocte tempore anteriorum regum et episcoporum. Prohibeo quoque ne quisquam ex hiis que ad eandem ecclesiam jure pertinent aliquid diripere audeat vel in terris vel in hominibus vel in ceteris omnibus rebus. Quod si aliquis temere fecerit jubeo sibi super omnibus que possidet ut intra trium dierum et noctium spatium restituatur. Si non restituerit precipio vicecomiti meo in cujus vicecomitatu hec injusticia facta fuerit ut omnem penitus pecuniam ejus pro hac forisfactura ad opus meum in misericordia mea saisiri faciat. T(este) Alberico de Ver.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 29436, f. 17v.
Printed: *E.H.R.* xxxv (1920), 397.
Date: Before Aubrey de Vere I died or Aubrey II became an earl—if genuine.

956. Winchester Cath. and See (1135–52)

Confirming land bought by the bishop from Ordgar's wife and heirs at Southwark

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justic(iariis) vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sanctorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni et Henrico Wintoniensi episcopo fratri meo et successoribus ejus episcopis inperpetuum terram illam et domos que fuerunt Ordgari in Sudwerc in socna monachorum Sancti Salvatoris Bermundesie quas predictus episcopus Wintoniensis frater meus emit de uxore prefati Ordgari et heredibus ejus. Concedo etiam eis omnes terras circumjacentes quas predictus episcopus Wintoniensis frater meus emit ad opus predicte Wintoniensis ecclesie ita bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice tenendas sibi et successoribus suis cum saca et soca et toll et team et infangeneþeof cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus cum quibus tenent alias tenuras suas. T(este) M(atilde) regina.

MS.: B.M. *Add. MS. 29436, f. 19.
Date: During the lifetime of the queen.

957. Winchester Cath. and See (1147–52, at Bermondsey)

Confirming land in Southwark to be held of Bermondsey Abbey (Surrey)

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sudreia salutem. Sciatis quod concessi et confirmavi ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Wintonia et Henrico ejusdem ecclesie episcopo fratri meo et successoribus suis ut teneant et habeant imperpetuum de ecclesia de Bermundeseia et de monachis ibidem deo servientibus omnes illas terras quas predictus episcopus frater meus emit de soca eorum in Sudwerc ad ospitandum se, ita quod pro omni servitio et redditibus quos inde antea per annum habere solebant reddantur prenominate ecclesie et monachis de Bermundeseye xl solidi singulis annis sicut conventio facta et confirmata est inter illos et sicut carte eorum testantur. T(estibus) M(atilde) regina, et comite E(ustachio) filio meo, et Rob(er)to de Veer, et Ric(ardo) de Luci, et Ric(ardo) de Camvill. Apud Bermundeseiam.

MS.: P.R.O. *Chart R. 10 Ed. II, m. 3.
Printed: *C.C.R.* iii. 353.
Date: Eustace took the title of count (of Boulogne) in 1146/7 and the queen died in 1152.

958. Winchester Cath. and See (1147–54, at London)

Confirming three parcels of land recently bought in Southwark (Surrey)

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et ecclesie beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancti Swithuni Wintonie et Henrico fratri meo ejusdem ecclesie episcopo et successoribus ejus inperpetuum terras illas quas idem episcopus frater meus emit et perquisivit in Sudwerca, videlicet terram et domos quas emit de Ordgaro et uxore ejus et terras quas

emit de feodo Sancti Salvatoris Bermundeseie unde ipse et successores sui post eum debent reddere singulis annis predicte ecclesie Bermundeseye xl solidos, et terras quas emit de Herveio de Lambal et de Willelmo filio ejus de feodo Hugonis de Bolcb(ec) cum portu navium. Quare volo et precipio quod predicta ecclesia Wintonie et Henricus frater meus ejusdem ecclesie episcopus et successores sui post eum ita bene et in pace, libere et honorifice et quiete habeant et teneant has predictas terras et domos quas idem Henricus episcopus frater meus fecit fieri sicut ecclesia Wintonie melius et liberius tenet alias tenuras suas. Testibus I(lario) episcopo Cicestrensi, et R(oberto) episcopo Bathoniensi, et R(oberto) de Ver, et Fulc(one) de Oilli, et Renio de Diapa. Apud Londoniam.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 10 Ed. II, m. 4; B.M. Add. MS. 15350, f. 5v; Add. MS. 29436, f. 18v (witnesses incomplete).
Printed: **C.C.R.* iii. 354.

959. Windsor, William fitz Robert de (c. 1141?)

Note of a charter of the empress granting William fitz Robert fitz Walter fitz Other the custody of Windsor Castle

'To this William, Maud the Empress ratified those grants which had been made to his Ancestors, of the custody of Windsore Castle; and of all his lands in as full manner as they enjoyed them in the time of King Henry the First.'

Printed: Dugdale, *Baronage* i. 509 'ex autogr. penes Th. nuper D. Windesores' (1675); MS. now lost.
Cf. the confirmation of Henry II, 31 March 1163 (*C.C.R.* ii. 137).

960. Wix Priory (1135–52, at Guildford)

Confirmation of the foundation

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglicis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod Walt(erus) Mascherellus et Alexander frater ejus, petitione Edithe sororis sue, necnon divino ammoniti instinctu, pro salute anime sue et remedio peccatorum suorum, dederunt et concesserunt deo et sanctis monialibus ecclesiam suam de Sancta Maria de Wica, ad instituendam et tenendam in ipsa ecclesia inperpetuum religionem in ordine sanctimonialium. Preterea prefati W(alterus) et A(lexander) dederunt et concesserunt in elemosinam eis ij carrucatas terre in dominio et vij villanos in eadem villa de Wica cum gardino suo, et omni mansione sua propria que fuit patris sui circa ecclesiam ipsam. Et in villa de Fretenges x solidatas terre quas Alwinus Werewardus et Godhug' tenent. Hanc autem illorum donationem, ecclesie videlicet et terre predicte et quicquid deinceps ipsi vel alii prenominate ecclesie donaverint, concedo et confirmo et regia auctoritate corroboro. Suscipio etiam prefatam ecclesiam et elemosinam in manum meam et propriam protectionem et tutelam meam. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsa ecclesia et sanctimoniales ibidem deo servientes bene et in pace et libere et honorifice et quiete teneant, cum soca et saca et toll et team et infangeneteof et omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus et quietantiis cum quibus alie ecclesie de terra mea honorabilius et liberius tenent, et sicut rex Henricus precepit per cartam suam. Testibus M(athilde) regina, et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Geldeford.

MS.: P.R.O. *E. 40/5276 (original, 10⅞ × 5⅞, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 449), with tongue and tie torn and seal missing).
C. N. L. Brooke (*Pipe Roll Soc.* N.S. xxxvi (1960), 46, n. 2) considers that this charter may be genuine because it is not written in the hand of either of the two known Wix forgers. But the text leaves much to be desired, and so does the general appearance of the writ.

961. Woburn Abbey (1140–3, at Wallingford *in obsidione*)

Spurious charter of liberties

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus justiciariis vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancte Marie de

Woubornia et monachis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute mea et Matildis regine uxoris mee et puerorum meorum quod ipsi et successores sui inperpetuum habeant libertatem et visum franci plegii apud Wouborn per omnes terras quas Hugo de Bolebech eis dedit et in omnibus terris et tenementis quas habent ex dono Henrici de Clynton et Hugonis Malet apud Swanebourn et Soliburiam. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod eadem ecclesia et monachi habeant et teneant prefatam libertatem et omnes alias donationes et libertates que eisdem facte et date sunt sicut carte fundatorum et donatorum testantur quietas de shiris hundredis scutagiis tallagiis vigiliis et omnibus aliis rebus terrenis et demandis sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram inperpetuum. Testibus Comite Gaufrido, et Roberto de Veer, et Turg(isio) de Abrenc(is), et Willelmo de Yp(ra), et Fulcone de Oilli, et Manifenino Briton(e). Apud Warengeford in obsidione.

MS.: Pat. P.R.O. R. 1 Ed. IV, pt. ii, m. 3.
Printed: **C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 61.
Date and authenticity: The witness-list suggests 1140–3 while Geoffrey de Mandeville was an earl and in favour, but Woburn Abbey was not founded till 1145 (*Annals of Waverley* (R.S.), 231). No siege of Wallingford is recorded 1140–3, and none would have been possible in 1141 when Stephen was in captivity, or in 1142 before he had retaken Oxford. The exemption from frankpledge is unparallelled in Stephen's charters, and together with watch, scutages, and tallages suggests the thirteenth century.

962. Wolverhampton, Church of (Apr. 1153–Apr. 1154, at Dudley)

Duke Henry restores to the church of Wolverhampton its former liberty as a chapel royal

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(anorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie de Wlvronehampton(a), capelle mee, omnem illam libertatem quam habuit in tempore H(enrici) regis avi mei, et omnem illam quietanciam in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et extra, in viis et semitis et omnibus locis. Et canonicis ejusdem ecclesie eandem concedo libertatem et quietanciam. Quare mando et firmiter precipio ut eadem ecclesia, capella mea, libera sit et quieta ab omnibus consuetudinibus et exactionibus cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et canonici omnia sua libere et quiete possideant, ne quis eis dampnum vel molestiam vel injuriam aliquam facere presumat. T(estibus) Rog(er)o com(ite) Hereford(ie), Walt(er)o fr(atr)e suo co(n)st(a)b(u)l(ario), Henr(ico) fr(atr)e suo, Gervasio Paganell, Germano. Apud Dudeleg(iam).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 2 Ric. II, pt. ii, m. 19.
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 1446; Delisle–Berger, no. 58*.
Date: After Henry had taken the title of Duke of Aquitaine. For subject-matter see **452**, **453**, and **969**, and *Birmingham Arch. Soc.* lx (1946 for 1940), pp. 63–64.

963. Worcester Cath. and See (1135–9, at Northampton)

The monks to hold their land of Boraston (Salop) which is not to be distrained and owes suit only to the hall-moot at Burford (Salop)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) [et vicecomitibus] et ministris suis de Hereff(ordscira) et Salopesscira salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancte [Mari]e et monachi de Wirec(estra) ita bene et in pace et quiete teneant terram suam de Burestona sicut Osb(ertus) filius Ric(ardi) et Hugo filius ejus et Osb(ertus) filius ipsius Hug(onis) eis eam dederunt et concesserunt. Et ita ne eis inde injuria vel contumelia fiat. Et non esnamietur ipsa terra vel homines eorum pro alicujus forisfacturo *vel debito nisi sint inde plegii vel conventionatores.*[1] Et non sequantur aliquod hundredum nisi hallimotum de Buresf(ordia), et sicut juste illud sequi debent, desicut rex Henricus precepit per breve suum quod inde habent. Teste Joh(anne) Mar(escallo). Apud Norhamt(onam).

[1] *Words in italics written in a different hand over an erasure, the words erased probably being* nisi pro suo proprio *as in Henry I's charter (the text of which has been communicated by us by Professor R. R. Darlington).*

MS.: Keele Univ. Lib., *Hatton Wood Coll., no. 708 (original, $6\frac{2}{3}'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$, written in the hand of *scriptor* xviii (T.A.M.B., no. 566) with a fragment of the forged first seal in white wax now detached but formerly on a tongue). Copy in Worcester D. and C., Reg. 1 (A 4) f. 21ᵛ without witness or place.
Date: Before John Marshall went over to the empress. For the seal see **964** etc.

964. Worcester Cath. and See (Dec. 1137–June 1139)

Confirmation of royal, episcopal, and other charters (specified)

Stephan(us) dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibusque suis et omnibus christianis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem perpetuam. Sciatis me, consilio baronum et aliorum fidelium meorum, pro salute anime mee et Henrici nobilissimi regis avunculi mei et omnium parentum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum et successorum, concessisse et confirmasse priori et monachis Wigornensis ecclesie omnes tenuras suas quas tenuerunt temporibus antecessorum meorum, sive ex donationibus regum, sive episcoporum, sive baronum, sive aliorum proborum virorum vel mulierum, cum terris, silvis et agris et pasturis, cum pratis et aquis, cum molendinis et piscariis, cum ecclesiis quoque et capellis et cimiteriis et oblationibus et decimis, ita liberas et quietas ab om[ni] exactione et consuetudine sicut carte quas habent de tennuris suis testantur, et nominatim carta Ædgari regis [quam] ipse eis dedit de dignitatibus ecclesie ad prioratum pertinentibus, et de terris quas liberas fecit ad supplendum hundredum quod v[ocatur] Oswaldeslaweshundred, que prius regiis exactionibus subjacebant, quod fecit petitione Sancti Dunstani Cantuariensis a(rchi)episcopi et Sancti Æthelwoldi Wintoniensis episcopi et Sancti Oswaldi Wigornensis episcopi, patroni eorum, qui videlicet ibi monachos prim[itus] constituit, et possessiones et ecclesias, jura quoque canonicorum qui in eadem ecclesia prius extiterant, in usus et dignitates monach(orum) transtulit. Concedo etiam et confirmo cartam Ædwardi regis de dignitate prioratus ejusdem ecclesie. § Concedo et confirmo [cartam] Willelmi regis avi mei quam habent de Cullacliva. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Willelmi regis avi mei et Willelmi regis avunculi mei quam habent de villa sua Alvestone, quam WLSTANUS episcopus eis dedit. § Concedo etiam et confirmo cartam WLSTANI episcopi quam habent de attestatione et confirmatione ipsius de ecclesia Sancte Helene et de dignitate prioratus Wigornensis ecclesie. § Concedo et confirmo cartam WLSTANI episcopi quam habent de Tidbrihtona et de molendino apud Tapenhala. § Concedo et confirmo cartas Samsonis et Teoldi et Simonis episcoporum de ecclesia de Hertlebyria cum terris que ad eam pertinent, et cartas Teoldi et Simonis episcoporum de piscaria de Bevereia, et cartam Simonis episcopi de molendino et piscaria in Sabrina ad pontem, cum terra ad eam pertinente, et de decimatione feni et vini ipsius, et de terra quam eis dedit apud Bradewassam et de terra [de] hospitale quam tenet Hugo pistor, et de denario Sancti Petri, et de oblatione in Pentecosten, et de terra in suburbio. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Osberti filii Ricardi et Hugonis filii ipsius Osberti et Osberti filii ipsius Hugonis de Burastona cum ecclesia de Dyderenhyl et salina in Wich et alia salina viginti solidorum. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Radulfi de Mortuo-mari quam habent de terra de Wrubenhala. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Rodberti comitis de Legrecestra et Radulfi pincerne de terra de Pebbawrde. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Walteri de Bellocampo et filii ejus Willelmi de virgata terre et decima de Cloptona et decimatione vini de Elmelega. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Godardi et Samsonis filii ejus de decima de Wassebryna. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Walteri Puher de piscaria de Timberdena et terra que ad eam pertinet. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Nicolai Stafford et Ricardi de Bellocampo de decima de Piria. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Rogerii Corbet et Hugonis de Sai et Margarete uxoris ejus de decima de Imeneia. § Concedo et confirmo donationem Willelmi Blanchet et Goldegive uxoris ejus de terra que jacet sub Hultona. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Henrici regis avunculi mei quam h[abent] de Burthona et Wlfwardileia. § Concedo et confirmo cartas Henrici regis et meas de libertatibus Wigornensis ecclesie et prioratus, scilicet de theloneo, de trans[itu . . .] pontium et portuum maris, de fugitivis, de warennis, de essartis. § Concedo et confirmo cartas Henrici regis et [meas] de libertate geldi iiij^{or} hid(arum) de Fepsintona et v hid(arum) de Alvestone. § Concedo et confirmo cartam meam de libertate ii[. . .] hid(arum) de Cliva quam eis dedi petitione et consilio Rogerii cancellarii mei et Gualeranni comitis de Mellent et Rodb(er)ti comitis de Le(gre)cestra et aliorum baronum meorum. § Concedo et confirmo cartam Henrici regis et meam de terris que injuste distracte de ecclesia fuerunt, sicut juratum fuit tempore Teoldi episcopi, precepto ipsius regis Henrici. Testibus Rog(er)o episcopo Saresb(eriensi), Rodb(er)to

episcopo Bathonie, Simone episcopo Wigorn(en)si, Rog(er)o cancellario, Gualeranno com(ite) de Meollent, Rodb(ert)to comite de Legrec(estra), Rog(er)o comite de Warewich, Simone com(ite) de Norhamtona, Rog(er)o de Fesca(m)p, Milone constabulario.

MS.: Worcs. County Record Office, *Lechmere Collection (original, 11⅝″ × 17″, written in an unidentified hand (T.A.M.B., no. 773), with fold and slits for 3 tags, the central one of which remains *in situ*; detached impression (nearly perfect) of Stephen's forged first seal in red wax. Cf. **626, 679, 718,** and **964.**)

Printed: *Worcester Diocese and County, Exhibition of Records* (Worcester 1958) pl. 2 (facs.).

Date: (if genuine). The only periods before the arrest of the bishops when Waleran of Meulan and Robert Earl of Leicester were both in England were Dec. 1137–May 1138 and Mar.–June 1139. Most likely during the ceremonies of 29–30 Apr. 1139 (*John of Worcester*, 54).

965. Worcester Cath. and See (Dec. 1137–May 1138, or Jan.–June 1139, at Worcester)

Quittance from gelds etc. for lands at Cleeve Prior (Worcs.), Phepson (in Himbleton) (Worcs.), and Alveston (Warwicks.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] episcopo Wigorn(ensi) et justic(iis) et baronibus et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Wirecestre(s)c(ira) et Warewicsc(ira) salutem. Sciatis me inperpetuum quietas clamasse deo et Sancte Marie Wigorn(ensi) iii hidas terre de Cliva de omni geldo et auxilio et omni exactione seculari. Et preterea concedo eidem loco illam quietantiam quam rex Henricus eis concessit per cartam suam de iiii^or^ hidis de Sepistona et de v hidis de Alvestone. Et precipio quod bene et in pace et quiete et libere et honorifice teneant. T(estibus) Rog(er)o cancell(ario), et G(ualerano) com(ite) de Melle[n]d,[1] et Rob(er)to comite Legrec(estrie). Apud Wirecestr(am).

[1] *MS.* Mellead

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A. 4), f. 4^v^.

Date: Before the arrest of the bishops and while Waleran of Meulan and Robert Earl of Leicester were both in England. Cf. **964.**

966. Worcester Cath. and See (1136–40, at Worcester)

The monks to be allowed to restore and rebuild their land of Burton at Wolverley (Worcs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) G(ualerano) comiti de Me[llento][1] et P(hilippo) de Belmeis et ministris suis omnibus Wirecestrscir(e) et Stafordscir(e) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis de Wirecestr(a) quod restaurent et reedificent Burtonam terram suam apud Wlwardelea, et ut habeant paschua sua et faciant omnes utilitates suas de Wlwardelea et de omnibus silvis suis, et vendant ad necessitates suas sicut fecerunt tempore regis Edwardi, excepta venatione in foresta mea sicut rex Henr(icus) concessit eis per breve suum. Et super hoc nullus eis inde injuriam faciat nec se intromittat inde nisi per eos. Testibus can(cellario), et Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Wirecestr(am).

[1] *MS.* Medd

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A 4), f. 5.

Date: While Waleran of Meulan was supporting Stephen, and while he was Earl of Worcester. Burton was a member of the manor of Wolverley.

967. Worcester Cath. and See (1135–41)

Waleran of Meulan to see that the bishop returns the monks their land at Laughern in St. Johns in Bedwardine (Worcs.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) G(ualerano)[1] com(iti) de Mell(ent) et omnibus ministris suis de Wirecestre[s]c(ira) salutem. Si Simon episcopus Wigorn(ensis) et ministri sui non reddiderint deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Wigorn(ensi) terram suam de Lawerna ita bene et plenarie sicut precipio eis per aliud breve meum, tunc precipio vobis quod sine omni dilatione et occasione illud faciatis, ne super hoc amplius audiam inde clamorem pro penuria pleni recti vel justicie, nec propter hoc amplius ad me redeant. Testibus etc.

[1] *MS.* C

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A 4), f. 13.

Date: As for **966.** Bishop Simon's own charter giving the convent Laughern is witnessed by Turstan the archdeacon and Gervase the bishop's chaplain.

968. Worcester Cath. and See (1136–9, at Droitwich)

The monks' goods to be quit of toll etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) et omnibus vicec(omitibus) et ministris suis totius Anglie et Wallie et portuum maris salutem. Precipio quod totum corredium et omnes res prioris et monachorum Sancte Marie Wirecestr(e) sint quiete de thel(oneo) et passag(io) et omni consuetudine quas homines sui poterint affidare suas esse dominicas. Et super hoc nullus eos injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(este) Will(elmo) de Alb(ini) pinc(erna). Apud Wich(am).

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A. 4), f. 7.
Date: Before the death of Wm. de Albini *pincerna* I (1139) and before his son was an earl (1139).

969. Worcester Cath. and See (1144–52)

Returning the church of Wolverhampton which he had granted to the Bishop of Chester in error

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus et omnibus baronibus suis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse deo et Sancte Marie et priori et monachis Wigorn(ensis) ecclesie pro anima avunculi mei regis Henrici ecclesiam de Wlverunha(m)tona quam ego prius inconsulte concesseram R(ogero) Cestr(ensi) episcopo. A multis enim inquisivi quod eorum antiquitus fuit et esse debet. Et ideo nolo quod ipsi perdant vel disturbentur in aliquo propter breve aliquod quod episcopus inde h(abe)at. Quare volo et precipio quod ipsi eam ita bene et libere et quiete teneant sicut Sampson episcopus eis eam dedit et Thomas archiepiscopus illud concessit, et sicut carta regis Henrici avunculi mei testatur. T(estibus) canc(cellario) etc.

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A 4), f. 35v.
Printed: Shaw, *Hist. and Antiq. of Staffs.* ii. 152.
Date: Stephen's grant of the church to the bishop of Chester (**452–3**) was confirmed by Pope Lucius II in 1144, but was not mentioned in the subsequent confirmation by Eugenius III. See also **962** and note.

970. Worcester Cath. and See (1136–54, at Oxford)

Quittance from danegeld etc. for land at Cropthorne, Lindridge, Grimley, and Hallow (*Worcs.*)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Wirec(estre)scir(a) salutem. Sciatis me inperpetuum quietas clamasse deo et Sancte Marie et ecclesie Wig(ornensi) v hidas de Cropþorna et v hidas de Linderugga et iii hidas de Grimelega et Hallaga et iii hidas de Stocha de omni denegeldo et auxilio et omni seculari exactione. Et volo et precipio ut bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant. T(este) com(ite) de Warenn(a). Apud Oxeneford.

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A 4), f. 6.

971. Worcester Cath. and See (1135–54, at Westminster).

Confirmation of quittance from gelds and murdrum *fines on 5 hides at Alveston*

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) com(iti) et omnibus baronibus et ministris suis Francis et Anglis de Warewicasira salutem. Clamo quietas inperpetuum priori et monachis de Wirecestra v hidas de Alvestona de geldis et murdris et omnibus aliis regiis exactionibus pro salute anime mee et regis Henrici sicut idem rex Henr(icus) concessit eis per cartam suam quam inde habent. T(este) Will(elmo) Mart(el). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: Worcester D. and C., *Reg. 1 (A. 4), f. 3.

972. Worksop Priory (1135–6, or early 1139)

Notice of a general confirmation

Confirmatio Stephani regis Anglie ibi Wyrkesop. Test(ibus) Rogero canc(ellario), Will(el)mo Marr(tel), et Ric(ard)o de Lucy.

MS.: B.M. *Harley MS. 4028, f. 130v (17th-cent. note from the Register of Worksop priory in possession of George Lascelles of Knyveton, 1618, and presumed destroyed by fire in 1761).
Date: While Roger was chancellor and Richard de Lucy in England.

973. Wymondham Priory (1135–9, at Westminster)

General confirmation of the grants by William d'Aubigny pincerna

Stephanus rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et Sancto Albano et ecclesie beate semper virginis et dei genitricis Marie de Wymundham omnia que Willelmus de Albineio pincerna regis Henrici avunculi mei eidem celle donavit, et sicut rex Henricus eandem donationem Willelmi de Albineio pincerne sui concessit et carta propria confirmavit. Ita et ego concedo prefate ecclesie in elemosinam sempiternam pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et antecessorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei necnon et pro meipso et uxore mea et prole nostra, omnia que ei a rege Henrico et Willelmo de Albineio pincerna ipsius concessa et data sunt. Volo igitur et regali au(c)toritate firmiter precipio ut predicta ecclesia de Wymundham omnes res suas et universa que ad illam pertinent bene et in pace et honorifice et libere et quiete teneat in bosco et plano et terris et aquis et pratis et pascuis et via et semitis in urbe et extra urbem in foro et extra forum et in omnibus locis. Et habeat et teneat omnes libertates et consuetudines suas cum soca et saca et tol et team et infanganteof et omnibus rebus cum quibus Willelmus de Albineio pincerna de rege Henrico unquam melius et liberius tenuit in vita sua et cum quibus filio ipsius juniori Willelmo de Albineio terram suam de me tenere concessi. T(estibus) archiep(iscop)o Cant(uariensi), et Henr(ico) ep(iscop)o Winton(iensi), et Rog(er)o ep(iscop)o Saresb(eriensi), et ceteris. Apud Westmon(asterium).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Titus C. viii, f. 16.
Date: Prior to the arrest of Roger of Salisbury in June 1139. It follows that Oxenedes was wrong in stating that William d'Aubigny *pincerna* the elder died on 1 Nov. 1139; in this charter he is dead already.

974. Wymondham Priory (1135–54, at Norwich)

Grant of a three days' fair in Wymondham

Stephanus rex Anglorum episcopo Norwic(ensi) et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Norfolc(ia) salutem. Sciatis quia concessi monachis de Wimu(n)dham ut habeant feriam suam in villa de Wymundh(am) tribus diebus scilicet in vigilia Nativitatis beate Marie, et in die festi, et in crastino. Et omnes illi qui ad feriam illam venerint cum mercato suo ibidem commorantes et inde redeuntes meam firmam pacem habeant. Et prohibeo quod nullus super hoc eos vel res suas injuste disturbet super x libras forisfacture. T(estibus) Will(elm)o de Caisn(eto), et F(ulcone) de Oilli. Apud Norwic(am).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Titus C. viii, f. 16.

975. York, Minster and See (Feb. 1136, at York)

Confirmation of liberties

Stephanus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus proceribus et universis fidelibus Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Possessiones et dignitates et libertatis consuetudines quas habuit Eboracensis ecclesia concedo et regia auctoritate presenti carta confirmo sicut hic subscripte sunt. Sub regibus antiquis et archiepiscopis, et quod plerique meminisse possunt [sub] Edwardo rege et Aldredo archiepiscopo, fuit ecclesie Sancti Petri consuetudo egregie libertatis. Si quis enim

quemlibet cujuscumque facinoris aut flagitii reum et convictum infra atrium ecclesie caperet et retineret, universali judicio vj hundreth emendabat; si vero infra ecclesiam xij hundreth; infra chorum xviij. Penitentia quoque de singulis sicut de sacrilegiis injuncta in hundreth viij libr(e) continentur. Quod si aliquis vesano sp(irit)u agitatus diabolico ausu quemquam capere presumeret in cathedra lapidea juxta altare quam Angli vocant Fridstol, id est cathedra quietudinis vel pacis, hujus tam flagitiosi sacrilegii emendatio sub nullo judicio erat, sub nullo pecunie numero claudebatur, set apud Anglos botolos, hoc est sine emenda vocabatur. Hec emende nichil ad archiepiscopum set ad canonicos pertinebant. Canonici Sancti Petri in hirth, id est domestica vel intrinseca familia appellabatur; terra canonicorum proprie mense Sancti Petri. Denique si quid in ecclesia vel in cimiterio vel in domibus canonicorum vel in terris eorum injuste agerent, aut ipsi canonici invicem aut adversus alios, vel alii adversus canonicos vel adversus alios, forisfactura nulla archiepiscopo set tota canonicis judicabatur. Archiepiscopus autem in rebus canonicorum hoc tamen juris habebat, quod defuncto canonico ipse aliis prelationes et prebendas prebebat, nec tamen sine consilio et assensu capituli. Si vero archiepiscopus adversus apostolicum vel regem committeret ad quod redimendum vel pacificandum pecunia opus esset nichil tamen canonici archiepiscopo preter suam voluntatem darent, et pecuniam canonicorum et homines eorum pro commisso vel debito archiepiscopi nec etiam namuum (*sic*) caperetur. Habebant canonici in domibus suis et in terris soccam et saccam, tol et team, intol et uthtol, et infangentheof et omnes easdem honoris et libertatis consuetudines quas ipse rex in terris suis habebat, et quas archiepiscopus de domino deo et rege tenebat, hoc etiam amplius, quod nemo de terra canonicorum Sancti Petri wapentachmot nec tridingmoth nec schyresmoth sequebatur, sed calumpnians aut calumpniatus ante hostium monasterii Sancti Petri rectitudinem et recipiebat et faciebat. Hoc autem a religiosis principibus et bonis antecessoribus sic provisum est, quatinus canonici placitantes, pulsato signo ad horas canonicas, cito possent regredi. Archiepiscopo (*sic*) vero et senescallos (*sic*) et prefectos et milites suos facilius erat predicta placita sequi et tenere. Si vero aliquis terram aliquam Sancto Petro daret vel venderet, nemo postea soccam vel saccam tol aut team in illa clamabat, set easdem consuetudines quas et alia terra Sancti Petri ista habebat, tantum amoris et reverentie antecessores nostri huic sancte principis apostolorum ecclesie deferebant. Quando autem rex congregabat exercitum unus homo tantum properabatur de tota terra canonicorum cum vexillo Sancti Petri qui, si burgenses in exercitum Sancti Petri irent, dux et signifer eos precederet; sine burgensibus vero nec ipse iret. Hanc etiam consuetudinem sive dignitatem habebant canonici Sancti Petri ab antecessoribus regibus et novissime quoque a Henrico rege concessam et confirmatam, ut nullus de familia regis vel de exercitu ejus in propriis domibus canonicorum nec in civitate nec extra hospitetur. Ubicumque fit duellum Ebor(aci) juramenta fieri debent super textum vel super reliquias ecclesie Sancti Petri, et facto duello victor arma victi ad ecclesiam Sancti Petri offerat, gratias agens deo et Sancto Petro pro victoria. Si canonici vel homines eorum clamorem fecerint in placitis regis, clamor eorum ante omnem causam terminetur, quantum potest terminari servata ecclesie dignitate. T(estibus) Alex(andro) ep(iscop)o Lincoln(iensi), et N(igello) ep(iscop)o Eliensi, et Audino ep(iscop)o Ebroic(ensi), et Adel(ulfo) ep(iscop)o Karl(eolensi), et Rob(erto) de Ver. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. ii, f. 1v; B.M. Cotton MS. Claudius B. iii f. 1.

The text follows the charter of Henry I (*Regesta*, no. 1083), on the previous folio of the same MS. But instead of 'novissime quoque a Henrico rege concessam', Henry's charter reads 'nominatim quoque a rege Edwardo concessam'.

Date: Audin Bishop of Évreux d. 2 July 1139. He is known to have been at Westminster in Apr. 1136 and in Normandy in 1137. This charter (if genuine) must therefore belong to Stephen's visit to York in Feb. 1136.

976. York, Minster and See (1136–9, at York)

The canons to cultivate, or build on, their lands in peace

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et baronibus et vic(ecomiti) et ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eborac[i]syra et omnibus dominis de quibus canonici Sancti Petri Eboracensis tenent salutem. Concedo et volo quod canonici Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis)

excolant omnes terras suas de quocumque eas teneant et in eis domos et edificia sua faciant, preter illas terras que in antiquis forestis meis sunt. Et precipio quod eas in pace teneant. Test(ibus) ep(iscop)o Eliensi, et cancell(ario), et Rog(er)o de [Fiscanno][1], et R(oberto) de Veer. Apud Ebor(acum.)

[1] *MS. pt.* iii Cist': *pt. iv* Sist'

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 72v, and pt. iv, f. 20v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 134.
Date: Roger of Fécamp is said not to witness after 1140, so the date must be before the attempted arrest and consequent revolt of the Bishop of Ely.

977. York, Minster and See (probably 1136–9, at York)

The canons to have pasture, dead wood etc. in their lands in forests

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et vicecomiti et forestar(iis) Ebor(aciscire) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancti Petri habeant pasturam suam in bosco per forestas prebendarum suarum, et pessonam[1] suum et aves et mel et mortuum boscum et quercus sine vasto[2] ad se hospitandum, et aisiamenta sua et omnes consuetudines suas ita bene et juste et plene sicut habuerunt tempore regis Henrici et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus. Teste ep(iscop)o de Ely. Apud Eboracum.

[1] *MS. pt. iv* possonem [2] *MS. pt. iv* quercum suum vastum

MS.: York. D. and C., Magnum Reg. Album, *pt. iii, f. 73v, and pt. iv, f. 21v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 136.
Date: Probably as for 976.

978. York, Minster and See (1136–40, at York)

The archbishop and minster to have their mill of 'Savelint'

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vicecomiti de Ebor[acisscira] salutem. Precipio quod Sanctus Petrus de Eboraco et archiepiscopus Eboracensis habeant molendinum suum cum stagno suo de Savelint, ita bene et libere et quiete sicut habuerunt tempore regis Willelmi et regis Henrici avunculorum meorum. Et plenum rectum facite michi et archiepiscopo de illis qui stagnum illud fregerunt. T(este) Rob(er)to de Curci. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: York D. and C., Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 73 and pt. iv, f. 21.
Printed: *Monast.* viii. 1197; Bigelow, 166; *E.Y.C.*, no. 139.
Date: Robert de Courcy had joined the empress by July 1141.

979. York, Minster and See (Feb. 1136, at York)

Confirming the churches of William fitz Herbert, treasurer of York

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi) et episcopis et baronibus et justic(iis) in quorum episcopatu et balliva Willelmus thesaurarius Ebor(acensis) capellanus meus habet ecclesias salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ipsi Willelmo ecclesias quas tenet de feodo Herberti fratris sui cum terris et consuetudinibus et omnibus rebus eisdem pertinentibus, scilicet ecclesiam de Wyv(er)thorp et ecclesiam de Loensburgh[1] et ecclesiam de Clera cum capellis ei pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Stantona[2] cum terris et decimis omnibus et rebus ei pertinentibus. Et volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et honorifice teneat sicut pater ejus et frater Herbertus eas ei dederunt et concesserunt et sicut carta regis Henrici testatur. T(estibus) T(hurstino)[3] archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi), [Aud(oeno)][4] ep(iscop)o Ebr(oicensi),[5] Joh(ann)e episcopo Sag(iensi),[6] et Rob(erto) de Ver, et W(illelmo) Martel. Apud Ebor(acum).

[1] *A* Lonesburgh [2] *A* Staynton [3] *Initial illegible in A and omitted in B*
[4] *B and C omit; supplied from A* [5] *A* Eli [6] *A* Sa

MSS.: B.M. Cotton MS. Vitellius A. ii, f. 107 (A); York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album*, pt. iii, f. 73 (B); and *pt. iv, f. 21 (C); Bod. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 95, f. 103 (from B).
Printed: *Monast.* vi. 1196; *E.Y.C.*, no. 31 (incorrectly).
Date: Audoen Bishop of Évreux (Archbishop Thurstan's brother) was in England in 1136 (cf. 335), so this charter must belong to Stephen's visit to York in Feb. 1136.

980. York, Minster and See (1135–40, at Westminster)

Granting Abp. Thurstan 7 bovates in Cawood (Yorks. W.R.)

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(iis) vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris salutem. Sciatis quia dedi et concessi Turstino archiepiscopo Ebor(acensi) in feodo et hereditate septem bovatas terre in Cawode quas habui et bene et in pace et quiete teneat. T(estibus) ep(iscop)o Carl(eolensi) Adel(waldo), et R(oberto) de (V(er). Apud Westm(onasterium).

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 73, and pt. iv, f. 21.
Printed: *Monast*, viii. 197; *E.Y.C.*, no. 20.
Date: While Thurstan was archbishop.

981. York, Minster and See (Aug. 1138–43, at York)

The lands of the canons of York, Beverley, Southwell, Ripon, and Hexham to be quit of army service and castle-building

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eborac(i)syra salutem. Precipio quod omnes terre canonicorum Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis) et Sancti Johannis Beverlaci et Sancte Marie de Suwella et Sancti Wilfridi de Ripon et de Hextildesham sint ita quiete de expeditione et de opere castellorum sicut fuerunt temporibus antecessorum[1] meorum regum Anglie, et sicut breve regis Henrici testatur quod inde habent. Testibus Will(elmo) com(ite) de Albem(arla), Archid[2], et R(oberto) de Ver, et Ric(ardo) de Curci. Apud Ebor(acum)

[1] *MSS.* successorum [2] *MS. pt. iii* arch

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 74, and pt. iv, f. 22.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 135; Fowler, *Memorials of Ripon*, i. 94 n.
Date: After Wm. of Aumale created earl. All three witnesses occur again at York in **803** which cannot be later than 1143.

982. York, Minster and See (probably Jan. 1141, at Lincoln)

General confirmation

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) justic(ie) et vicecomiti et civibus Ebor(aci) salutem. Precipio quod Willelmus archiepiscopus Ebor(acensis) et canonici et clerici sui teneant omnes terras et tenuras suas infra burgum et extra sicut aliquis antecessorum suorum unquam melius vel liberius tenuit et [cum] eisdem consuetudinibus et libertatibus, ne super hoc ponantur in aliquam novam consuetudinem nec in operibus nec in vigil(iis) nec in aliis rebus. T(este) A(lexandro) episcopo Lincolniensi. Apud Lincoln(iam).

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 73 and pt. iv, f. 21v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 137.
Date: Probably Jan. 1141 immediately after Archbishop William's election. 'Perductum itaque electum [Willelmum] ad Lincolniam, rex libenter suscepit, et in terris et possessionibus Eboracensibus confirmavit' (John of Hexham (R.S.) p. 307). The alternative date would be 1146–7 (Stephen spent Christmas at Lincoln) when Archbishop William would have been in Sicily.

983. York, Minster and See (probably Jan. 1141, at Lincoln)

Protecting the lands of Archbishop William

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justic(iis) baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis in quorum potestate vel balliva Willelmus archiepiscopus Eboracensis habet terras vel tenuras salutem. Precipio vobis quod custodiatis et manuteneatis [terras] et omnes tenuras predicti archiepiscopi, nec patiamini quod aliquis quicquam inde capiat nisi per eum. Et si quid inde captum est injuste postquam ipse effectus est archiepiscopus totum ei reddi faciatis, ne super hoc audiam inde clamorem. Teste A(lexandro) episcopo. Apud Lincoln(iam).

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 72v, and pt. iv, f. 21.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 121.
Date: As for **982**.

984. York, Minster and See (*c.* 1141–53, at York)

Firm peace for the canons of York and the clerks of Hugh du Puiset's archdeaconry

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justic(ie) vic(ecomiti) et ministris suis de Eborac(i)shir(a) salutem. Precipio quod canonici Sancti Petri de Eboraco et omnes clerici archidiaconatus Hugonis Puisat meam firmam pacem habeant et omnia sua bene et in pace teneant. Et quicquid de suo injuste[1] captum est, sine dilatione eis reddatur, ne superinde clamorem audiam pro penuria recti vel justitie.[2] Teste Ric(ardo). Apud Ebor(acum).

[1] *MS. pt. iii* iuste; *pt. iv* injustum [2] *MS.* injustitie

MS.: York D. and C., *Magnum Reg. Album, pt. iii, f. 73, and pt. iv, f. 21.
Printed: *E.Y.C.* no. 138.
Date: Hugh du Puiset succ. Wm. fitz Herbert as archdeacon of E. Riding in or soon after 1141, and was cons. Bishop of Durham 20 Dec. 1153.

985. York, Holy Trinity Priory (1136–40, at York)

Confirmation of gifts by Ralph Paynel, his heirs, and others

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) archiepiscopo Eboracensi justic(ie) vicecomitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eborascire et de Lincolescire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Eboraco et monachis in ea deo servientibus omnes tenuarias suas in elemosinis et terris et decimis et hominibus et ecclesiis et omnibus aliis beneficiis que Rad(ulph)us Paganellus et heredes sui vel alii fideles dederunt et concesserunt illi ecclesie; et ubicumque monachi habent terram sint quieti et liberi de hundres et de wapentaches et ab omni consuetudine; et nominatim Cunnisthorp' et Stretonam et quicquid adjacent, et terram que est extra portam civitatis, et terram de Bytham quam monachi tenent, et unam carucatam terre in Bardelbi et unam carucatam terre et dimidiam et unam bovatam apud domos Dreng, et duas carucatas terre et dimidiam in Moncatona, et Odelsaia quatuordecim bovatas terre. Insuper concedo eis ecclesiam de Moncatona, et ecclesiam de Ledes cum terris et decimis omnibusque beneficiis sibi pertinentibus, et ecclesiam de Adela cum omnibus sibi adjacentiis, decimam etiam aule in Hotona, et decimam aule de Trinescho, et decimam aule de Biloham, et decimam aule de Neuthona super Usam, et decimam aule de Bartona in Holdelith et duas bovatas terre in eadem villa, et decimam aule in Neuthona super Wald, et medietatem ecclesie de Crambum que spectat ad feodum Rad(ulph)i Paganelli cum decimis sibi adjacentibus; in Lincolnescira decimam aule de Rochesby, et decimam aule de Bertona, et decimam aule de Tauelesby, que spectant ad feodum Rad(ulph)i Paganelli, et ecclesiam de Rasne solutam et quietam, et decimam aule de Essebi cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus, et decimam aule de Scallebi, et molendinum de Tauelesbi, totam etiam decimam aule de Harneham, libere et quiete. Et ideo volo et precipio quod bene et in pace et libere teneant intra civitatem et extra civitatem et in omnibus rebus, cum soca et saca et tol et tem et infangentef et cum omnibus libertatibus illi ecclesie pertinentibus in perpetuam elemosinam, sicut carte Willelmi regis avi mei et regis Henrici avunculi mei testantur. Testibus Rob(er)to de Curci, et Ro(ber)to de Veer, et Ric(ard)o de Curci, et Rob(er)to de Brus. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, pt. ii, m. 12.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 376; *E.Y.C.* vi. 74 (no. 5).
Date: Robert de Courcy and Ralph Paynel had gone over to the empress by July 1141.

986. York, Holy Trinity Priory (1136–Jan. 1140, at York)

Quittance of 18d. 'housegabel'

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum Thurstino archiepiscopo et justic(ie) et vicecomitibus et baronibus et burgensibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eboraciscira salutem. Sciatis quia concedo Sancte Trinitati et monachis de Majori Monasterio quoquo anno quietos decem et octo denarios quos dabant per annum de gablo et curtillagio suo de toftis suis. Teste Rob(er)to de Veer. Apud Eboracum.

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV pt. ii, m. 12.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 375; *E.Y.C.*, no. 346.
Date: Archbishop Thurstan resigned 25 Jan. 1140. Holy Trinity was a priory of Marmoutier.

987. York, Holy Trinity Priory (probably Dec. 1142–54, at Oxford)

Grant of the chapel founded by Roger the priest outside Micklegate

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et baronibus et vicecomitibus et ministris et civibus Eboraci et omnibus fidelibus suis de Eboracisira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Eboracensis et monachis ejusdem ecclesie in perpetuam elemosinam capellam illam quam Rog(erus) presbiter fundavit ad crucem lapideam extra portam occidentalem civitatis cum terris et aliis pertinentiis ejusdem capelle. Quare volo et precipio quod ecclesia predicta et monachi capellam illam et pertinentias ejus bene et in pace et libere et quiete teneant solutam et quietam [ab] omni seculari exactione et servitio, ea conditione quod faciant sine intermissione ibi fieri divinum officium. Testibus Ric(ardo) de Canvill, et Rog(ero) de Buissei. Apud Oxenef(ord).

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, pt. ii, m. 12.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 375; *E.Y.C.*, no. 347.
Date: Richard de Camvill at Oxford suggests a date after Stephen had recaptured Oxford and given him the lands of John de St. John.

988. York, Holy Trinity Priory (*c.* 1142–54, at York)

Grant of the land where the gallows stood

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum justic(ie) vicecomitibus et civibus et ministris Eboraci salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et capelle Sancti Jacobi que est extra portam civitatis et clericis ibidem deo servientibus terram illam in qua furce latronum stare solent, que[1] est de dominio meo. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicta capella et clerici terram illam bene et in pace et quiete teneant sicut elemosinam meam. Testibus Rad(ulph)o de Haia, et Aschill Brun, et Brun[2] filio suo, et Hugone filio Emme, et Hugone filio Rob(er)ti. Apud Eboracum.

[1] *MS.* qui [2] *MS.* Erun

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 4 Ed. IV, pt. ii, m. 12.
Printed: *C.P.R. 1461–7*, p. 375; *E.Y.C.*, no. 348.
Date. Since St. James's is the chapel referred to in **987**, this charter is presumably no earlier. Farrer dates it '*c.* 1150–4' without giving reasons.

989. York, St. Peter's hospital (1136–June 1139, at Nottingham)

Grant of protection

S(tephanus) rex Anglorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciis et vicecomitibus et ministris suis et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis michi bonum esse et beneplacitum et grates scire omnibus quicumque [pro] amore dei et mei et pro salute animarum suarum hospitali Sancti Petri de Eboraco suffragium aliquod impenderint. Volo et precipio quod ministri ejusdem domus dei per totam Angliam firmam pacem dei et mei habeant, et ut manuteneatis eos et nullus eis vel suis rebus injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Custos enim et frater ejusdem domus sum. Testibus [Nigello] episcopo de Ely, et canc[ellario],[1] et A(lberico) de Ver. Apud Notyngham.

[1] *MS.* cantore

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3v.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 171.
Date: Aubrey de Vere I d. in 1140 or 1141, so the presence of the Bishop of Ely dates this before the arrest of the bishops. The dedication of St. Peter's hospital subsequently changed to St. Leonard.

990. York, St. Peter's hospital (1136–June 1139, at York)

Quittance from gelds and any increase of 'housegabel', and confirmation of John the lardener's gift of land in Ousegate

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Eboracensi et omnibus baronibus suis Francis et Anglis de Ebor(aci)scira salutem. Concedo deo et hospitali Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis) terras quas Eustachius filius Johannis et Lambertus de Fossegata et alii burgenses mei ei dederunt

infra burgum et extra, quicumque eas ei dederint quietas et immunes ab omnibus geldis et consuetudinibus excepto meohusgabl(o) tanto videlicet quantum e(e)dem mansur(e) dederunt antequam fratres ejusdem hospitalis eas habuerunt, ne propter numerum domorum vel ostium plus reddant. Et nominatim concedo et do terram in Usegate quam Johannes Lardenarius eis dedit quietam et solutam ab omnibus consuetudinibus et geldis et etiam husg(a)val. Et volo et precipio ut ipsi bene et in pace et honorifice teneant ne aliquis ministrorum meorum invasionem in domos et terras eorum faciat ad nam(iam) capiendam et ad contumeliam eis faciend(am). Frat(er) et custos ejusdem domus sum. T(estibus) Turstin(o) archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Al(exandro) episcopo Linc(olniensi), et N(igello) episcopo de Ely, et Henrico nepote regis, et R(oberto) de O(i)lli. Apud Ebor(acum).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3.
Printed: *E.Y.C.* 219.
Date: Archbishop Thurstan d. Feb. 1140, and Nigel Bishop of Ely was in rebellion from 24 June 1139.

991. York, St. Peter's hospital (1140, at Winchester)

Freedom from lawsuits till a new archbishop is consecrated

S(tephanus) rex Angl(orum) Willelmo comiti Ebor(aciscire) et omnibus baronibus burgensibus de Ebor(aco) et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis de Ebor(aciscira) salutem. Sciatis quod ego do et firmiter precipio quod Rob(ertus) presbiter de hospitali Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis) et omnes terre et homines et res ejusdem domus dei habeant meam firmam pacem. Et prohibeo ne quis eis injuriam vel contumeliam faciat vel dicat. Nec placitent vel r(espo)ndeant pro aliqua calumpnia alicujus terre quam habuerunt tempore regis Henrici et Turstini archiepiscopi, et ex concessione et donatione ipsius regis avunculi mei, donec archiepiscopus in ecclesia Sancti Petri consecretur; et tunc si rectum fuerit et judicium hoc dixerit secundum leges et consuetudines ipsius ecclesie Sancti Petri et mee civitatis respondeant. Volo enim quod pauperes et fratres ipsius hospitalis pacem habentes pro me liberius et securius orare domin(o) et elemosinam facere possint. T(estibus) [Roberto][1] episcopo Exon(iensi), et [Bernardo][2] episcopo Sancti [Davidi],[2] et Ric(ardo) de Monte-acuto, et Roberto Avenel. Apud Wintoniam.

[1] *MS.* B [2] *MS.* A episcopo Sancti Laudi

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3.
Printed: *E.Y.C.*, no. 172.
Date: After Archbishop Thurstan resigned (25 Jan. 1140) and (if the emendation is correct) before Bishop Bernard went over to the Angevins.

992. York, St. Peter's hospital (probably 1146, at the siege of Wallingford)

Grant of estovers in the forest of Yorkshire

Stephanus rex Anglorum Willelmo com(iti) Albemar(lie) et omnibus forestariis suis de Ebora(ci)schira salutem. Do et concedo fratribus hospitalis Sancti Petri Eboracensis pro dei amore et pro anima Henrici regis avunculi mei et omnium antecessorum meorum materiem ad domos suas et edificia sua preparanda et ligna ad ignem suum et herbam et pasturam pecoribus suis per totam forestam meam, et quicquid eis necesse fuerit ad aisiamenta sua de foresta mea de Ebor(aci)schira. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod nullus inde eos disturbet, frater enim et custos ejusdem domus dei sum. Testibus Ranul(pho) com(ite) Cestr(ie), et Baldewyno filio Gyleb(er)ti, et Ric(ard)o de Lucy. Apud obsidionem de Walingford.

MSS.: P.R.O. Chart. R. 22 Ed. I, m. 9; B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3.
Printed: *C.C.R.* ii 438; *E.Y.C.*, no. 170.
Date: Necessarily while Richard de Lucy was in England and Earl Ranulf was supporting Stephen (1139–40 and 1146). Ranulf is known to have been with Stephen at the siege of 1146 (*G.S.* 122).

993. York, St. Peter's hospital (Summer 1154, at York)

Grant of 40s. yearly from the farm of the city of York

Stephanus rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Eboracensi et justic(ie) et vic(ecomiti) et prepositis et omnibus burgensibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Eboracschira salutem.

Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et hospitali Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis) et probis hominibus in ea deo servientibus pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute mea et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum, quadraginta solidos per annum de firma mea Eboraci. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod singulis annis imperpetuum eos habeant, dimidium scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis et dimidium ad Pascha, bene et plenarie quicunque civitatem meam Ebor(aci) teneat ita ne elemosina mea disturbetur. Testibus Tiodbaldo Cant(uariensi) archiepiscopo, et Hug(one) episcopo Dunhelm(ensi), et Ric(ard)o de Luci, et Ric(ard)o de Canvill(a), et Eustac(hio) filio Joh(anni)s. Apud Ebor(acum).

MSS.: P.R.O. *Chart. R. 22 Ed. I, m. 9; B.M. Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3 (inaccurate).
Printed: *C.C.R.* ii. 438; *E.Y.C.*, no. 202.
Date: After Hugh du Puiset cons. Bishop of Durham (20 Dec. 1153), and after Treaty of Westminster (Dec. 1153) because of Eustace fitz John. Stephen was at York at harvest-time 1154.

994. York, St. Peter's hospital (1148–54, at Bury St. Edmunds)

Grant of the tithes of the tolls and mills at Tickhill etc.

S(tephanus) rex Angl[orum] archiepiscopo Eboracensi justic(ie) vicecomiti baron(ibus) ministri(s) et omnibus fidelibus suis Ebor(aci)schir(e) salutem. Sciatis quia concessi et dedi in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei et pro salute anime mee et Matil(dis) regine uxoris mee et Eustachii filii mei et aliorum puerorum meorum deo et hospitali Sancti Petri Ebor(acensis) omnem decimationem de theloneo ville de Thicahilla et omnem decimationem molendinorum ejusdem ville, et preter hec v bovatas terre in Wlnethuat et unam bovatam in campo de Bageleia. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete et honorifice hanc elemosinam teneant quicumque honorem de Thickahilla habeat, sicut elemosinam deo et pauperibus Christi inperpetuum datam. Test[ibus] Henrico de Essex, et Adam de Belin, et Willelmo de Clarafai. Apud Sanctum Edmund(um).

MS.: B.M. *Cotton MS. Nero D. iii, f. 3; Bodl. Lib., Dodsworth MS. 118, f. 136 (abstract).
Printed: Selden, *History of Tythes* (1618), p. 336.
Date: Wolthwayte (Yorks W.R.) and Bagley were included in.the confirmation by Eugenius III dated 7 May 1148, but the tithes of Tickhill were not (Holtzmann, *Papsturkunden*, i, no. 44).

995. York, St. Mary's Abbey (1135–54)

Note of the confirmation of grants in Bromfield and Stainburn (Cumb.) by Walthef fitz Gospatric

Postmodumque dominus Stephanus quondam rex Angl(orum), progenitor noster, per cartam suam recitando in eadem quod prefatus Walthef [*sc.* filius Gospatricii] dedit predicte ecclesie Sancte Marie Eboraci ecclesiam de Bru(m)sfeld et corpus ejusdem manerii et tres carucatas terre in Stainbourne, hoc est totam villam in Stainburne, donationem illam confirmaverit.

MS.: P.R.O. *Pat. R. 8 Hen. IV, pt. ii, m. 21.
Printed: *Monast.* iii. 578; *Surtees Soc.* cxxvi. 580.

ADDENDA

THE texts of **996–1000** have recently been made available and are now printed, by kind permission of the Trustees of the Will of the Right Honourable Randal Thomas Mowbray Earl of Berkeley deceased, from microfilm deposited in the Bodleian Library (MS. Films Dep. 912). **1001–9** are texts of Duke Geoffrey concerning non-Norman lands.

996. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (Sept. 1151–May 1153)

Duke Henry confirms Almondsbury (Glos.) free of tallage, hidage, and royal aids

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et comes Andeg(avorum) archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis salutem et dilectionem. Notum vobis facio tam presentibus quam futuris me concessisse et presentis mee carte munimine confirmasse ecclesie Beati Augustini de Bristou et canonicis regularibus quam in initio juventutis mee beneficiis et protectione cepi juvare et fovere causa et amore dei pro anima avi mei Henrici regis et mea propria salute Almodesburiam in perpetuam elemosinam haberi[1] cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus suis et omnibus pertinentiis suis in nemoribus et pascuis et pratis et marescis et terris arabilibus liberam et quietam ab omni tallagio et hidagio et auxilio regio et ab omni exactione et inquietudine. Testibus etc.

[1] *deletion in MS. follows.*

MS.: Berkeley Castle Muniments, *St. Augustine's Cartulary, f. 17.

997. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (1153–4)

Duke Henry grants the vill of Aylworth by Gloucester, formerly a member of the manor of Berkeley

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitanie et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus baronibus justiciis vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Notum fieri volo omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus me pro dei dilectione et pro salute mea et meorum antecessorum ecclesie Beati Augustini de Bristou et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus inperpetuum elemosinam dedisse et concessisse Asseleswrþam juxta Glocest(riam) cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano in aquis in pratis in pascuis in essartis in viis in semitis cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus suis quas habebat in tempore Henrici regis avi mei. Quare volo et precipio ut in perpetuam elemosinam prefatam villam habeant et teneant sine vexatione et inquietudine et calumpnia et sine omni exactione sicut liberam elemosinam. Et sciatis quod villa predicta antea fuerat membrum manerii mei Berkelaii donec eam prefate ecclesie dedi etc.

MS.: Berkeley Castle Muniments, *St Augustine's Cartulary, f. 17.

998. Bristol, St. Augustine's Abbey (1153–4)

Duke Henry grants the advowson of Berkeley Church, but wants his treasurer Henry to have the church from them

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aquit(annorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus just(iciis) vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et amicis suis Norm(annie) et Angl(ie) salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancti Augustini de Bristou et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus advocationem ecclesie Berkel(aii) libere et quiete in elemosinam perpetuam habendam sicut Rob(ertus) filius Harding(i) eandem advocationem illis concessit. Et volo ut Henricus filius Rob(er)ti thesaurius meus de ipsis canonicis eandem ecclesiam annuu(m) canone(m) reddendo eis inde habeat, et in bono et

in pace cum omnibus ei pertinentibus possideat. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quatinus predicti canonici ecclesiam prefatam cum omnibus adjacentiis suis libere et quiete et honorifice ut liberam elemosinam imperpetuum possideant, nec quis eis injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam aliquam facere presumat. Testibus etc.

MS.: Berkeley Castle Muniments, *St. Augustine's Cartulary, f. 17v.
Robert fitz Harding's own charter is on f. 33 of the cartulary.

999. FitzHarding, Maurice son of Robert (1153–4)

Text of the grant of Berkeley calendared as **311**

H(enricus) dei gratia dux Norm(annorum) et Aquitanie et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus consulibus vicecomitibus baronibus justiciis et amicis fidelibus Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Mauricio *filio Rodb(er)ti filii Hard(ingi) et heredibus suis* manerium de *Berckelai et totam Berckelia-ernesse cum omnibus appendiciis suis plene et integre sicut erat in tempore Henrici regis avi mei tenendum in feudo et hereditate sibi et heredibus suis de me et de heredibus meis per servitium unius militis, vel si* ipse Mauricius *melius voluerit* dare *centum solidos* per annum *pro servitio militis*, sicut dedi et concessi Rodb(er)to filio Hard(ingi) patri predicti Mauricii predictum manerium de Berckelai cum omnibus supradictis pro suo servitio. Et accepi pro ista supradicta donatione predicte terre homagium Mauricii filii Rodb(er)ti filii Hard(ingi). *Quare volo et precipio* quod Mauricius *et heredes sui predictum manerium et omnia pertinentia sua in ecclesiis in nemoribus in planis in pascuis in terris in aquis in viis in semitis et in placitis et in omnibus rebus et eventibus teneant et inperpetuum habeant libere quiete et honorifice cum tol et them et soch et sacke et infanckenethef et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et quietanciis que ibi fuerunt in tempore Henrici regis avi mei. Et preterea dedi et concessi eis habere in predicto manerio liberum marcheium cum omnibus libertatibus que ad marcheium pertinent quacumque die septimane voluerint, et monetam cum proprio monetario suo. T(estibus) abbate Sancti August(ini) de Bristou, et Henrico thesaurario, Will(el)mo Cumino, Rogero com(ite) Heref(ordie), Ricardo de Humez constabul(ario), Maneser Biseth dapifero, Rodb(er)to de Saltemareis.*

MS.: *Berkeley Castle Muniments (pretended original, written in the same hand as **309**, **310**, the marriage contract for the children of Robert fitz Harding and Roger de Berkeley, and Henry II's confirmations as king (Jeayes, nos. 4 and 6). No tongue, fold, tag, or slit).
Printed: Jeayes, *Catalogue*, no. 3 (cal.). He records 'fragments of seal of red wax in lawn bag', but the microfilm shows no seal or means of affixing it.
Passages in italics are identical with **310**, but **310** adds that Robert paid 500 silver marks for the recognition.

1000. FitzHarding, Robert (1153–4)

Duke Henry confirms the land in Bedminster (Som.) given by Robert Earl of Gloucester. (Text of **311a.**)

H(enricus) dux Norm(annorum) et Aq(uitanorum) et comes And(egavorum) omnibus archiepiscopis episcopis comitibus baronibus just(iciis) vicecomitibus et omnibus suis fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Rob(er)to filio Hard(ingi) donationem quam ei fecit Rob(ertus) comes Gloec(estrie) avunculus meus de terra de Bedmenist(r)a quam ei dedit. Quare volo et precipio quod Rob(ertus) filius Hard(ingi) et heredes sui terram illam bene et in pace et libere teneant sicut predictus comes Rob(ertus) ei donavit. Testibus Manass(ero) Bis(et) dap(ifer)o, Henrico de Oilleio, Henrico Hos(ato), Hug(one) de Piris, Pag(ano) Carbonell.

MS.: *Berkeley Castle Muniments (original, written possibly in the hand of *scriptor* xxiii; tongue and place-date torn, no seal).
Printed: Jeayes, *Catalogue*, no. 5 (cal.).
Date: While Henry was Duke of Aquitaine. Unlike the other FitzHarding charters (**309–10** and **999**) this one seems authentic.

1001. Cormery Abbey (1146, at Courcy-sur-Dive, in the army)

Duke Geoffrey terminates a dispute between the monks and Ulger de Brayes

Quecumque temporaliter eveniunt ut ad posterorum notitiam veraciter pervenerint, oportet ea scripto commendare ejusque patrocinio roborare et attestatione fulciri. Eapropter ego Goffredus dux Normannorum et comes Andecavorum omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus et qui litteras istas viderint audierint vel legerint, notum fieri volo quod Ulgerio de Bres et monachis de Cormeriaco terminum constitui de quadam videlicet vicaria quam idem Ulgerius apud capellam Sancti Baudi super monachos clamabat. Terminus autem iste positus est Turonis juxta ecclesiam beati Martini monachis presentibus et Ulgerio terminum [audient]ibus testibus Aubsalone Roon(ardo), Joslenus Turonensis (*sic*), Gauterius Faciente-malum (*sic*), Garino villico. Termino siquidem constituto utrique et . . . Rad(ulphus) de Rochis tunc temporis prior de Cormarico, et Johannes prior de Tauxiniaco et . . . prior de Arciaco et Ulgerius de Breis in presentiam meam apud Curciacum super Divam in exercitu meo qui tunc erat, affuerunt. Monachi vero in presentia mea assistentes et de jure ecclesie sue confidentes obtulerunt probare et defendere prefatum Ulgerium in vicaria illa penitus nichil habere nec in terra de capella unquam vicariam habuisse. Ulgerius vero e contrario nec potuit quod clamabat probare nec ratiocinari, immo de omnibus prorsus defecit. Ad cujus rei perpetuam corroborationem presentes litteras inde fieri easque sigilli mei attestatione muniri precepi anno domini MCXLVI regnante Ludovico rege Francorum qui tunc crucem domini assumpserat. Hoc autem factum est apud Curciacum videntibus et audientibus Ausalone Roon(ardo), Hamarico de [Losduno] Alone, Gisleberto, Petro Letardi, Josleno Umberti preposito de Losduno, Gauterio Faciente-malum, Barino villico[1] Locas, Borcardo de Reillio, Barba de Monte-Basone, Burgerico notario comitis qui cartam illam fecit et scripsit.

[1] *Ch.* villilo

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., Coll. Dom. Housseau, v, no. 1718.
Printed: *J. Chartrou, *L'Anjou de 1109 à 1151*, 392.

1002. Angers, College of St. Laud (1144–9, in the count's chamber at Angers)

Duke Geoffrey confirms its land and privileges

Ego Gofridus dux Normandie et comes Andegavie filius Fulconis regis Jerusalem, volo notum fieri tam futuris quam presentibus me dedisse et concessisse et presenti [carta] confirmasse clericis meis de Sancto Laudo Andegavensi omnes possessiones et omnia dona et tenementa que antecessores mei comites ecclesie Sancti Laudi et eis dederunt, et omnia que ipsi ad opus ecclesie adquirere poterunt, cum omni libertate et omni quietantia sine aliqua costuma alicui reddenda, cum sanguine et latrone, cum incendio et raptu et murtro, et cum omni dominio integre, et cum omni honore, et etiam cum fodrio meo, et cum vinagio illarum vinearum omnium que remanebunt ad usum clericorum in ecclesia illa deservientium. Hec, inquam, dono ecclesie Sancti Laudi et clericis in feodo et casamento sicut ego melius et liberius teneo terram meam cum hominibus omnibus, villis et terris, vineis, aquis, pratis et molendinis, cum bosco et plano, cum viis et semitis et cheminis. Quare volo et precipio quod canonici nulli respondeant de possessionibus suis nisi in presentia mea aut in presentia comitum Andegavie mihi succedentium. Ecclesia enim Sancti Laudi supra omnes alias mei juris est et antecessorum meorum, et ad Andegavie comites hereditario jure pertinet. Et comites Andegavie sunt domini et abbates illius, et specialiter est statutum sicut illa cujus bona temporalia in vita et spiritualia etiam post mortem sine fine possidebunt. Actum apud Andegavum in thalamo meo. Testes fuerunt Rainaldus de Castragonterii, Rainaldus Ruffus, Gaufridus et Hugo et Fulco de Durico (*sic*), Gorronius et Fulco camerarii, Pipinus de Turone, et Josleno de Turone; de canonicis vero ecclesie,[1] Normannus decanus, Hugo de Carnoto, Gauffridus Manerii, Girardus de Belloforti, Giraldus de Daulcis, Andreas Cadaver, Ganguenon, Petrus Brito, et plures alii.

[1] *17th-cent. transcript* Andegavensis ecclesie

MSS.: Angers, Bibl. Mun., MS. 680 which has the original (illegible) *vidimus* of 1279 and 1405, and a 17th-cent. transcript.
Printed: *A. Planchenault, *Cartulaire de St. Laud d'Angers* (Angers, 1903), no. 2.

1003. Château-du-Loir Priory (1145–50)

Duke Geoffrey ends a dispute between the prior and Marsilius de Fay about the church of Mansigné (Sarthe)

Ego G(a)ufridus dux Normannorum et comes Andegav[orum] omnibus notifico de ecclesia de Mancini de qua erat discordia inter priorem Castri Lidi et Marsilium de Fai . . . In curia Willelmi epi(scopi) Cenom(anensi) . . . Marsilius communi judicio convictus est. Ego Gauffridus proprio sigillo sigillavi. Testes Adam de Rupeforti, Ridellus de Reli, Robertus de Sabulio, Hugo de Cleers, Gaufredus frater ejus, Durranus Burel, et multi alii.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., Collection Gaignières, 5441, ii. 244 (fragmentary copy from the original).
Printed: *J. Chartrou, *L'Anjou de 1109 à 1151*, 396.

1004. Fulk the Chamberlain (1144–50)

Duke Geoffrey grants him the daughter of Bigot the chamberlain to wife and the rent of Précigné (Sarthe)

Ego Goffridus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus notum et certum fieri volo quod Fulconi camerario meo, Loysim (?) filiam Bigoti camerarii, in uxorem dedi, eisque et heredibus suis census de Priciniaco et quicquid ibi habebam hereditario jure possidendos quiete et libere, et omnes acquisitiones suas dedi et concessi. Et ut firmius et liberius teneatur, sigillo ducatus mei muniri feci, et ante sigillo comitatus mei sigillari preceperam et feceram. Hoc autem viderunt et audierunt: Goffridus de Cleriis, Goffridus de Ramefort, Isoradus de Montebasonis, Lupellus Ferli, Pepinus Turonensis, Simon canonicus, Gorranus canonicus, Thomas capellanus, Robinus predicte domine avunculus.

MS.: Archives du Maine-et-Loire, G. 1003, transcript of 1610.
Printed: *A. Planchenault, *Cartulaire de St. Laud d'Angers* (Angers, 1903), no. 83.
Date: Chartrou, *L'Anjou de 1109 à 1151* p. 314, dates it '1150, after 28 Oct.' but this does not accord with the ducal title.

1005. Le Mans, Abbey of St. Vincent (12 Jan. 1149, at Le Mans)

Duke Geoffrey grants land for a furnace near Mont Barbé

Notum sit omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Gaufridus dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum dedi in elemosinam cenobio Sancti Vincentii et monachis ibidem deo servientibus quandam plateam juxta Montem Barbatum ad faciendum ibi quendam furnum et domum in qua furnus sit, et precipio quod eadem ecclesia beati Vincentii et monachi furnum illum et domum illum ita quiete et libere perpetuo possideant sicut ego terram predictam quietam et liberam habebam quando ipsis eam dedi. Et ut hoc ratum atque constans foret, mei sigilli testimonio confirmari precepi. Testes autem sunt hujus concessionis Guillelmus Cenomanensis episcopus, Hardoinus decanus, Albericus archidiacanus, Bulgerius cantor, Hardoinus capellanus, Eustachius, Robertus Sancti Petri decanus, Elyas frater comitis, Joslenus de Turonis dapifer, Philippus de Pontoino, Girardus de Balgeio, Boterius, Guido filius Hugonis, Symon Gondoini, Paganus Cavallenus, Paganus Malus-canis, Paganus Hardreii vicarius, Gillebertus garderoba, anno verbi incarnati MCXLVIII° pridie Idus Januarii. Apud Cenomanum.

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., Coll. Gaignières, 5444, p. 604, and 5445, p. 89.
Printed: *J. Chartrou, *L'Anjou de 1109 à 1151*, 391.

1006. Louroux, Abbey of Notre-Dame (1146, at Le Mans)

Duke Geoffrey grants the abbey £7 manceaux *a year in return for its rents in* Curneiacum *and the bourg of S. Nicholas at Le Mans*

Quaecumque larga fidelium disponit caritatis benignitas, ut certius et veracius ad posterorum perveniant memoriam opportet ea scripto commendare ejusque patrocinio roborari. Quapropter ego G(aufridus) dux Normannorum et comes Andegavorum, omnibus tam

futuris quam presentibus et qui litteras istas viderint audierint vel legerint, notum et certum fieri volo quod quedam pax et concordia facta est et firmata inter me et Fulconem abbatem de Oratorio, ejusdemque coenobii monachos, de quadam controversia que inter nos exorta erat, de quibusdam videlicet medietariis suis de Curneiaco et de burgo Sancti Nicholai Cenomannis quas Fulco comes pater meus et Eremburgis comitissa mater mea ecclesie de Oratorio in elemosina dederunt. Audieram siquidem per abbatem Cisterciensem quod monachi illius religionis medietarias illas et burgum secundum ordinis sui instituta legitime tenere non poterant; sed ne eis viderer injurius, consilio meorum usus hominum, pro animabus patris et matris mee que in eadem ecclesia jacet sepulta, et antecessorum meorum necnon et mea, consideravi et disposui quod predicto abbati et monachis pro eisdem medietariis et burgo singulis annis de justis redditibus meis Cenomannis viii libras Cenomannensis monete in Natali Domini totas insimul reddendas ad luminare ecclesie de Oratorio faciendum darem et persolverem. Hac itaque facta conventione et utrinque concessa prescriptus abbas et monachi burgum et medietarias ad voluntatem meam faciendam in manu mea miserunt et dimiserunt. Ego vero easdem medietarias Fulconi de Cleers [ejusque heredibus post ipsum] pro suo servitio dedi habendasque concessi; pro quo dono ipse meus liges homo factus est perpetuamque stationem apud castrum Selonie inde faciendam spopondit. Et ut hec concordia et conventio per succedentia tempora rata sit et inviolabilis permaneat, presentes litteras inde fieri easque sigilli mei attestatione muniri precepi. Hoc autem factum est in Cenomanensi civitate, me presente, videntibus et audientibus Guillelmo tunc temporis ejusdem urbis episcopo, Roberto Bugerico cantore, Philippo archidiacono, Bugerico notario meo, Burgundio senescallo Cenomannis, Boterio pincerna meo Cenomannis fealiter, Hugone de Cleers senescallo de Fissa, Philippo de Pontoino, Radulfo de Rivellone, Gosleno de Turone tunc impense mee administratore, Pagano Nardoc villico Cenomannis, Pagano Malo-cane custode turris Cenomannis, Gofredo Durandi camerario, Gisleberto gardarobam. [Pro hoc itaque pacto confirmando et hujus rei concessione firmiter stabilienda advenerunt in capitulo Oratorii Gaufridus de Cleers, Hugo frater ejus senescallus de Fissa, predictus Fulco frater eorumdem. Quibus ibidem residentibus domnus Fulco primus abbas supradicti monasterii Oratorii cum monachis ejusdem coenobii Fulconi de Cleers supradictas medietarias de Curneiaco nullo resistente concessit. Hujus rei testes sunt fratres ejusdem Fulconis, Gaufridus scilicet de Cleers, Hugo senescallus de Fissa, necnon et alii, Renaudus de Sot, Suart de Colunge, Renaudus de Polers, Matheus de Cleers, Gaufridus de Courlion.] Facta est autem hec cartula jussu G(aufridi) suprascripti principis anno verbi incarnati MCXLVI°, domno Eugenio Cisterciencis religionis monacho papa; Ludovico rege Francorum, anno quo cum aliis viris illustribus crucem sumpsit; Hugone metropolitano Turonis; Ulgerio Andegavorum episcopo; Guillelmo Cenomannis presule; Gaufrido Normannorum duce et Andegavorum comite; Reinardo Cisterciensi abbate, Fulcone Oratorii patre. Amen.

MSS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., Coll. Housseau, v, no. 1733; Angers, Bibl. mun., 'N.D. Angevine', f. 264 (from which are derived the passages in square brackets).
Printed: **Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, xxxvi (1875), 433.

1007. Roussière, Fulk de la (1144–50, at Baugé)

Duke Geoffrey makes him various grants in return for liege homage and as a reward for service done in battle

Quecumque temporaliter eveniunt vix aut unquam ad posterorum notitiam certa veraque relatione pervenirent nisi ea scripto traderentur. Quapropter [ego] Goffridus dux Normann-[orum] comes And[egavorum] omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus et qui literas ipsas viderint audierint et legerint, notum et certum fieri volo quod Fulconi *de la Roussière* dedi et concessi pro servitio suo [ut][1] heredes sui post eum habeant annuatim pasnagium quietum l porcorum suorum proprium in forestis meis et honores de fundatorio (*sic*) et de sepulturis in ecclesiam et capellam Cepie et medietaria mea que est in illa parochia Cepie cum pratis ei et heredibus suis de me et de meis heredibus, ita quiete et libere et honorifice tenendas sic[ut][2] ego eas unquam melius et quietius et liberius et honorabilius et pater meus tenuimus.

[1] *MS.* et [2] *MS.* sic

Propter autem hoc donum idem Fulco ligium homagium mihi fecit et sic apud Balgeium quod dicitur Solanas ligium [hom]agium[1] tenere promisit et convention[avit].[2] Et hoc feci in remuneratione perpetua et in testimonio servitii quod ipse Fulco in bello mihi fecit. Et ut hec donatio mea inperpetuum rata sit et inviolabiliter permaneat, presentes literas inde fieri easque sigilli mei at(t)estatione muniri precepi. Hoc autem viderunt et audierunt dominus de Sableio, Nivardus de Rupe-forti, Bertr(andus) de Campigniaco, Froslonus de Campigniaco, Ra[dulphus] Burellus, Goffridus de Cleers, Goffridus de *Roussière*, Hugo de Cleers, Goffridus de Soucelle, Sim(on) de Castell(ione) qui mantellum recepit.

[1] *MS.* stagium [2] *MS* conventionante

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., *Coll. dom. Housseau, v., no. 1697.
Printed: Chartrou, *L'Anjou de 1109 à 1151*, 395.

1008. Vendôme, Abbey of the Holy Trinity (8 Apr. 1146, at Baugé)

Chronicle of a lawsuit before Duke Geoffrey whereby the abbey recovered the tithes of the vines of Cheviré-le-Rouge (Maine-et-Loire)

Et hec sunt nomina virorum qui hoc judicium fecerunt: Hugo de Cleeris dapifer comitis, Fulco de Molinternia, Fulco forestarius, Russellus de Monte Falconis, Goffridus de Villaguaii, Helias Ligerii. Hoc judicium multitudo magna clericorum militum atque burgensium qui ad diem fori convenerant, laudavit et justum esse adclamavit. Huic judicio assensum prebuit Gaudinus de Malicornia, Basilius Fisardi, Barbotus de Fishio, Mischinus filius Seimari. Hoc viderunt et audierunt isti: de clericis, Baiamundus Andegavensis archidiaconus, Vaslotus magister scolarum, Goffredus de Vallibus, Goffridus Isabie, Goffridus presbiter veteris Balgiaci, Robertus presbiter Chiviriaci, Ebrardus prior Ville-dei, Goslenus de Bruillio; de famulis abbatis, Johannes cubicularius, Mauricius coquus, Benedictus marescallus, Raegotus, Christoforus, Evraldus de Chiviriaco prepositus Gaudini et monachorum; de curte Chiviriaci, Robertus Mulotus, Eudetus de Butreio, Herbertus Blancus, Escotus de Baionaria, et alii multi clerici et laici. Actum publice apud Balgiacum in curia Gosfredi nobilissimi Normannorum ducis et Andegavorum comitis, anno ab incarnatione domini MCXLVI, v Idus Aprili, feria secunda.

Ego Goffredus dei gratia Normannorum dux et Andegavensis comes hanc querelam judicio terminari precepi, judicium audiens approbavi, cartam inde fieri mandavi, factamque meo sigillo confirmavi, precipiens dapifero Balgiacensi atque preposito ut in adquirenda decima semper monachis adjutores existant, nulloque modo eam auferri vel minui permittant.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1936, f. 252v, and later copies.
Printed: *Ch. Métais, *Cartulaire . . . de la Trinité de Vendôme*, ii. 344.

1009. Vendôme, Abbey of the Holy Trinity (23 Feb. 1147, at Vendôme)

Duke Geoffrey confirms grants by John Count of Vendôme and Simon of Beaugency

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Goffridus dei gratia Normannorum dux et Andegavorum comes omnibus sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus pacem et quietem. Novit tota pene Andegavensis patria quod nobilissimus Andegavorum comes Goffridus Martellus ejusque venerabilis uxor Agnes Pictavorum comitissa Vindocinense monasterium fundaverunt eorumque successores usque ad meum tempus illud plurimum dilexerunt. Quorum vestigia ego sequi desiderans, idem monasterium volo diligere, et ea que ab ipsis vel ab aliis fidelibus eidem data sunt debeo defendere. Notum igitur esse volo omnibus fidelibus quod Johannes comes Vindocinensis, fidelis et amicus meus, dedit deo et Vindocinensis monasterii monachis in presentia mea quamdam partem Gastine forestis sue, a quercu videlicet Pinelli que erat proxima terris illorum prope Villam-dei, usque ad proximam vallem ultra puteum Odelini, in longum sicut forestis a terra culta monachorum dividebatur, et in latum sicut rectius iri poterat secundum eamdem latitudinem usque ad terram Godefridi Rufi et inde sicut antiqui hanc forestam ab examplis separabant et terre monachorum jungebatur versus Villam-dei que dicitur Capillata. Hoc autem feci pro salute patris sui et sua filiorumque suorum, et maxime pro emendatione ejusdem forfacti quod monachis fecerat,

et pro pecunia quam injuste ab hominibus eorum extorserat. Concessit etiam omnes redditus nundinarum qui in festo Sancti Beati apud Vindocinum congregantur, et totam aquam et aque piscationem et dominationem a ponte Sancti Beati usque ad molendinos qui dicuntur de Cappa. Hoc donum videlicet nundinarum et aque vel piscationis predicte dederat Symon Balgenciaci dominus dicto Vindocinensi monasterio pro anima Hugonis filii Ridelli de Rilliaco, qui in servitio ejus infirmitatem susceperat de qua mortuus in domo monachorum fuit, ubi monachi diligenter eidem in infirmitate servierant defunctumque honorabiliter in claustro suo sepulture tradiderant. Et quoniam predictus comes Vindocinensis Johannes honorem Vindocinensis comitatus a me post deum habebat, voluit ut predictum donum quod de foreste fecerat et concessio predictarum nundinarum et aque in presentia mea, id ipsum concedente et volente Burchardo filio suo, firmaretur ne ab aliquo successorum suorum violaretur. Hi ambo Johannes scilicet et Burchardus me sicut dominum suum rogaverunt ut ego hanc eorum elemosinam concederem eamque contra omnes homines ad utilitatem Vindocinensis monasterii defenderem. Ego vero illorum petitioni difficilis esse nolui, sed pro dei et domni Roberti Vindocinensis abbatis dilectione, illorumque deprecatione, donum Johannis comitis et filii ejus Burchardi concessionem concessi, necnon et donum Symonis Balgenciaci domini de predicta aqua et nundinis Sancti Beati, idque totum in custodia mea et defensione suscepi. Actum Vindocini in camera abbatis, vii Kalendas Martii, die dominica, anno ab incarnatione Domini MCXLVII. Quod viderunt et audierunt isti: Robertus abbas Vindocinensis, Fulcherius cellerarius, Frodo hospitarius, Fulcherius Viviani, Ridellus de Reilliaco, Absalon Rotamardus, Goferius de Brueria, Nycolaus frater ejus, Lambertus buticularius, Malras, Gislebertus Guardarobam, Goffredus Durandi, Fraserius; ex parte Vindocinensis comitis, Burchardus Bucellus, Hilgotus frater ejus, Philippus filius Griponis, Berardus filius Frodonis, Turbodus, Bartholomeus filius Ogerii, Bartholomeus Alfredi. Ego Goffredus dei gratia Normannorum dux et Andegavorum comes ut hoc firmum in perpetuum permaneret hanc cartam fieri precepi, factam legi, lectam sigillo meo confirmari feci.

MS.: Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Latin N.A. 1936, f. 252, and later copies.
Printed: *Ch. Métais, *Cartulaire . . . de la Trinité de Vendôme*, ii. 349.

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